THE LIBRARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA
AT CHAPEL HILL

THE COLLECTION OF
NORTH CAROLINIANA

C289.9
P42e
[v. 49-52]
[1994-1997]

UNIVERSITY OF N.C. AT CHAPEL HILL
00044649693

FOR USE ONLY IN
THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION

Form No. A-368, Rev. 8/95

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2014

https://archive.org/details/evangelserialoff1994pent

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 49 | JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1994 | NUMBER 1

"And we have known and believed
the love that God hath to us.
God is love; and he that dwelleth
in love dwelleth in God,
and God in him.
There is no fear in love;
but perfect love
casteth out fear . . ."

1 John 4:16, 18

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Things I Have Learned

It seems to me only a short time ago we were thrust into the threshold of a new year, 1993. That year, with all its ingredients, some good and some not so good, has disappeared. As you read this page, we are now well into the promises and challenges of a new year, 1994.

The last few weeks have been a refreshing moment for me as I have plunged into the waters of reminiscence, introspection, and perspection. I am excited about the work of the Holy Spirit in me and in us.

Two items of material in particular have converged in my thoughts. One of them is a paper ("Things I Have Learned") penned by a beloved brother and friend, Dr. Dan Beller, pastor of Evangelistic Temple in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The other is a masterful book entitled "A Few Things I've Learned Since I Knew It All." This book, written by Jerry Cook (with Stanley C. Baldwin) is printed by Word Publishing. The book was given to me at Christmas by my dear friend and fellow minister. Assistant Conference Superintendent Jimmy C. Whitfield. Dear **Evangel** reader, you need this book. It is powerful. I cannot say more about the contents here without permission of the publisher, but I do hope you will read this volume. It will help you even if you think you don't need any help!

The following material was shared by Pastor Dan Beller with a group of our ministers in a special meeting at Emmanuel College in the fall of 1993. I have his permission to share with our readers.

These items have reinforced so much of my own philosophy of ministry. I am sincerely grateful to Dr. Beller. He says it so beautifully I haven't changed it at all.

Things I Have Learned

1. Do not be overly involved in people's personal lives because you cannot live their lives for them.
2. Learn to say no, diplomatically, to people's demands or feelings of guilt, fear, and to stress and pressure.
3. Say yes to the things you are gifted in. Do what you do best.
4. Refuse to get on someone else's soapbox. Usually there are people who always want you to champion their particular cause.
5. Avoid religious fads because they will soon pass and leave you empty. Stay balanced and solid, and you will have longevity.
6. Be a peacemaker.
7. Be a stroker instead of a striker.
8. Be friendly! At least speak to people and touch them.
9. Be flexible. Everything is in constant change.
10. Be patient. Things have a way of working themselves out.
11. In working with people, try to see the good gifts in each one.
12. Keep your personal identity, and do not be absorbed by your title.
13. Keep your personal lives personal, and do not share everything because people may use it against you.
14. Guard your privacy in your family and marriage or otherwise you will be totally absorbed.
15. Keep your mouth shut. What you don't say is important.
16. Do not publicize your personal business.

I believe this valuable reminder is more than a good idea. It is worthy of the attention of clergy and laity.

Don't forget. Read the book!

TEL

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Mary Belle Johnson.....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Bill Roberson.....**Men's Fellowship**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (USPS 179-920) is published Bi-monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
Jimmy Whitfield .....**Assistant Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
L. B. Collins.....**Board Member**
W. M. Wooten .....**Board Member**
Frank Gentry.....**Board Member**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. Margaret H. Russell
August 12, 1911 – November 2, 1993

The funeral service of Reverend Mrs. Margaret H. Russell was held at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina, by Rev. J. Doner Lee, Rev. Roland Harrell, and Rev. Jimmy Whitfield on November 5, 1993. The Pallbearers were the North Carolina Conference Board members.

The private graveside service was conducted by Reverend T. Elwood Long, Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial was at the Falcon Children's Home Cemetery in Falcon, North Carolina.

Reverend Mrs. Margaret Russell was born and reared in Raleigh, North Carolina. It was there that she met and married Joe L. Russell. Soon thereafter they moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where her husband opened an automotive repair business. It was in Fayetteville that they attended a city-wide evangelistic campaign conducted by Reverend Wade House. They both were converted and joined the First Baptist Church. It was here that they met Carl and Lila Isaac who had received the Pentecostal experience; and through the Isaacs' prayer and guidance, they believed and accepted this wonderful blessing.

Mr. Russell felt the call of the Lord to preach His Gospel. Feeling unprepared, he approached his pastor who was instrumental in getting him enrolled at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois. During this time God dealt with Mrs. Russell, and her call became as definite as that of her husband. After they completed their studies, they returned to Fayetteville and joined the Person Street Pentecostal Holiness Church where Reverend W. Eddie Morris was pastor.

Faithful to their calling, they purchased a large tent and evangelized for seven years. In 1940, Mr. Russell joined the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They were immediately assigned the Elizabethtown and Boardman churches, but continued their evangelistic efforts where possible. In 1941, they founded the Peniel Church and served as its pastor.

Mrs. Russell joined the North Carolina Conference in 1950 and assisted her husband in pastoring six additional churches: Mount Olive, Red Springs, New Bern, Williamston, Rocky Mount, and finally the Tabernacle Church in Goldsboro. It was here at the Tabernacle that her husband passed away in 1969, but she assumed full responsibility as pastor for more than a year to complete the assignment.

In 1970, she was assigned to pastor the Pikes Cross Roads Church and served for eight years. During this time God blessed her efforts, the membership grew, and a beautiful sanctuary and a new educational building which were paid for on completion. Also, a parsonage was begun and almost completed before her term expired.

In addition to her pastoral duties, Mrs. Russell was always very active at every level in the Women's Auxiliary (now Women's Ministries) of her denominational fellowship. Besides leading her group of ladies at her local church, she served in many official capacities in the North Carolina Conference Women's Auxiliary Department including serving as its Secretary-Treasurer for several years. She was affiliated with the Women's Auxiliary on the General level in some capacity from 1957 - 1977. She served on the General WA Board from 1969 - 1977, either as Vice President, Board Member, and/or Regional Director.

Her duties have included serving as Director of the Eastern Educational Zone from 1957 - 1969, during which time she presided over many conventions, conducted many workshops, and was a speaker in much demand. She promoted the Ministers' Wives Fellowship, the Sharing Sister Program, and the Feast of Ingathering, introducing bus trips to church schools to promote the work. She wrote WA programs for eight years, and the first study courses on "Church Discipline" and "Stewardship" which were all published in **The Helping Hand**, the official publication of the Woman's Ministries Department of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. She introduced the idea of appointing directors at the general, conference, and local levels for Missions, Education, and WA Day. She designed the WA emblem and suggested the words in their motto. As a member of the Falcon Children's Home Board for two years, she promoted the Harvest Train, initiated the Gold Bond Stamp Drive that purchased a 38-passenger bus and a walk-in freezer for the Home. She was not only known in the N. C. Conference for her work in the WA, but the name of Margaret Russell was known throughout the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

While so involved in so many things in the church, Mrs. Russell's chief involvement was with her family. She loved her husband and her children whom she regarded as gifts from the Lord. She was the mother of four beautiful daughters, Peggy, Becky, Joyce, and Susan. Her only son, Joe, Jr. followed in the footsteps of his father and mother in the ministry and has pastored several of our most prominent churches.

When Margaret Russell decided to retire from active duty in the ministry to which God had called her, she was graciously honored by the woman that she had served so well through the years and received accolades from every level of the church for her labor of dignity, grace, and charm. She was indeed a marvelous, gracious, multi-talented servant of God and shall long be remembered as one who gave her all to the Lord Jesus Christ, whom she loved and served so well.

Men's Fellowship News

Men's Ministries Enlistment Week – January 23 - 29, 1994 – has been set aside as Enlistment Week for Men's Ministries. The goal is for each local fellowship to set a goal for new members to be recruited. During this week a number of options are available to recruit, brief and enlist men into the local church fellowship, e.g. cook-out, banquet, and special speaker, to name a few. The bottom line of Enlistment Week is the opportunity for growth of the fellowship to better serve ministry to the local church.

Men's Ministries Royal Rangers Sponsorship Program – January is the month set aside each year to promote the Sponsorship Program. The goal is for each fellowship to implement a month-long program to make men aware of the opportunities of sponsoring a Ranger in the local outpost. The twofold goal is (1) to assure that each boy is encouraged and prayed for daily; and (2) to raise financial support of the Royal Rangers Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to involve men in ministry with Rangers. Write the Men's Ministries Department of the Royal Rangers sponsorship Program to implement program.

Superannuated Birthdays For January and February

Rev. Daisy Morris .....January 2
Rev. Ralph R. Johnson.....January 4
Rev. Ruth Heath .....January 5
Rev. Daniel Jones.....January 7
Rev. H. M. Pope.....January 21
Rev. Raleigh Horton.....January 22
Rev. James McCandless .....January 22
Rev. J. Russell Clark.....January 25
Rev. Jack Jayroe .....January 29

Rev. W. Harold Lewis.....February 7
Rev. J. Paul Jones .....February 10
Rev. Luetta Morris .....February 10
Rev. George Casper .....February 10
Rev Clayton Guthrie .....February 15
Rev. W. Kelly White .....February 19
Rev. T. B. Henry .....February 26

Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

THOUGHTFUL GEM: When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

A Tribute Margaret H. Russell

I remember...as a child the Russell Family visiting in our home. Mrs. Russell was a woman of beauty who loved and cared for her family with great concern.

I remember...her commitment to the Women's Auxiliary through the years and the many contributions she made. She served the department well. History and eternity will reveal the impact she made, and many lives are still reflecting the influences she inspired.

I remember...her as president of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary. Her leadership abilities could be the envy of any woman.

I remember...her as secretary-treasurer of the NCWA. It was Mrs. Russell who passed on to me the financial responsibilities of the WA when I was elected to the position. What a responsibility to follow such a lady.

I remember...her endorsement, her encouragement, her support, and advice.

I remember...our last visit together.

I remember...so many things space will not allow me to print.

I remember...Mrs. Margaret Russell a gracious lady of dignity I admired, respected, loved and appreciated.

I remember...she has left us a beautiful legacy – her daughters, her son, her grandchildren.

Couples Retreat

Thirty-eight couples attended the first history-making NCWM sponsored Couples Retreat.

Excitement was the key word as the couples gathered at New Heritage, USA for a weekend of enrichment, fun, and fellowship. The committee had planned a retreat with details that made everyone feel so welcomed and so special. It began when you entered your room and found a gift box filled with a variety of items including homemade fudge – fresh from the kitchen of a committee member.

The guest speakers were at their best. Dr. and Mrs. Larry Queen captured the attention of everyone with their humor and sincerity. The program was designed to minister to all couples.

The committee worked diligently together to formulate, plan, and prepare a great retreat. Positive evaluations expressed approval and appreciation for work well done.

As the retreat came to a close, questions arose and expressions were voiced, "When and where will we have the second Couples Retreat?"

Those who served so well to make up the Couples Retreat Committee are – Cathy Ward, Cathy Arthur, Rebecca Ward, Bonita Spain, and their spouses. They served the WM Department well in this assignment.

Rev. Roger Barefoot from The Capital Church held us in suspense with his capable participation. He was an added pleasure to the event.

One question asked – Is this retreat for all couples? Answer – Yes, it was felt the lay couples needed an enrichment ministry, thus the Couples Retreat; however it includes lay and clerical who desire to attend.

Did You Know?

Love isn't love until you give it away? Did you know someone needs to be loved today?

1) an abused child, 2) abused spouse, 3) single parent, 4) a grandparent, 5) a widow/widower, 6) a pastor/family, 7) a Sunday School teacher, 8) a GEMS Sponsor, 9) a Royal Rangers Commander, 10) a neighbor, and the list goes on. Please find that person that you can make a difference for today – tomorrow may never come.

Have you called your Mom today? Did you take your Dad to his appointment? Everybody needs somebody – YOU are somebody!!

1994 NCWM Retreat

Friday – Saturday, March 25 & 26 – New Heritage, USA

Guest Speaker – Ms. Margaret Jenzen; speaker, writer, author of several books.

She is a resident of Wilmington, NC.

Theme: "Our Heritage – Our Legacy"

Are your reservations made? If not, call 1-800-374-1234 before March 1 in order to get retreat rates.

You don't want to miss this special retreat planned especially for you. Please come and bring a friend with you!

Registration fee is $5.00 per individual to be paid at time of registration at the retreat.

Letters have been mailed to all local WM Presidents with complete details; however, please call if you have questions, etc.

Labels – Again?

Yes, we still need you to collect Campbells Labels for the Falcon Children's Home van. Also collect Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Mrs. Pauls; and remember if you participate in this project, you will rejoice in the reward also! Thank you for taking this to heart and getting your women, girls, and entire church involved. Each local group has been asked to collect 1,500 labels, SOME HAVE MET THEIR GOAL – HAVE YOU?

New Missionary Assignments

Mrs. Westa Barefoot, the WM Missions Director, has provided each local group with a listing of missionary assignments for the next four years. Please file this information and use it often to correspond with your assigned family. Be prompt in sending birthday, anniversary, and special events cards. A surprise package containing items they can't purchase on the field would be a real delight for them. Let them know you appreciate them, love them, and support them.

Sharing Sisters

Your 1994 Sharing Sisters are the same as those in 1993. Mrs. Sue Parker, the Director of Sharing Sisters/Intercession has sent to you letters of information. Please check the latest newsletter packet for her letter.

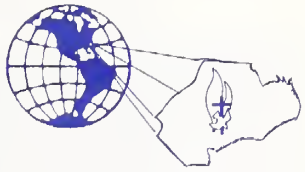
Thank You!!

You made 1993 another great year of ministry through your projects, programs, and support of local, conference, and general endeavors. The records have been kept, you have done marvelous things whereof we are glad. I sincerely appreciate all who have given so much throughout the year in time, energies, prayers, and monies. God bless you richly as you enter into this new year with new visions, plans, and desires to make it a record year to His glory.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"



Pastor W. J. Forehand

New Conference Evangelist

The NC Conference Board has approved a fourth Conference Evangelist. Pastor W. J. Forehand, Kinston First Church, will begin his work as a full-time evangelist beginning the 1st of January. Brother Forehand is no stranger to the work of an evangelist. This year the Kinston First church will take in over fifty new members – most by conversion. People have been saved nearly every week. Brother Forehand is known as a personal soul-winner and a true evangelist.

Brother Forehand has been a pastor in the NC Conference for thirty-three years – eight at Chadbourn, four years at Mount Carmel, Fayetteville, and the last twenty-one years at Kinston. His formal education came from Holmes College of the Bible and Pembroke State University. In his own words his real education "began at my mother's knee and over my father's lap." He served for several years as a member of the NC Conference Board and has served on numerous church committees on the Conference and General Church levels.

Jim Forehand is known as a man of God and a "preacher" of God's Word. He is in high demand for services and camp meetings. Most of his schedule has already been filled for 1994. He will continue to make a valuable contribution to the work of evangelism in the North Carolina Conference and the kingdom of God.

Brother Forehand may be reached at his home in Kinston, Route 1, Box 137, LaGrange, NC 28551. Phone 566-9627 or 522-0287.

It is with pleasure that the Evangelism Board and I recommend him as a full-time North Carolina Conference Evangelist.

Abundant Life Fellowship

It was my pleasure to visit with Pastor Bethea Moore and the fine congregation of Abundant Life Fellowship on Sunday morning, November 21. It was their second-year anniversary celebration. Some seventy-five plus were present for the service. It was a great day!

The congregation is in a new rental facility near the NC State Fairgrounds. This is not their permanent location but only temporary. Their plans are to ultimately minister to the North and West Raleigh communities.

Pastor Moore and the congregation are to be commended for a job well done. They continue to grow and continue to reach out in their communities. May the Lord bless them as they continue to fulfill their cause and mission.

Genesis Dedication

On November 21, 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon, a special celebration service was held at the Genesis Church near Wendell. The service was the dedication for their first building on "their place" of new beginnings. The church had been working on their building through the spring and summer of 1993.

This building was built by much sacrifice, love, and hard work. Pastor Paul Brafford is to be commended for a job well done. Much of the work was done by volunteer labor. At the beginning of the year some sixty plus men from the Conference Men's Fellowship (Men of Action) gathered on a weekend to "dry the church" in. Several churches assisted with supplying workers and funds for rooms and other special projects. The church is located on ten acres of land (debt free) near Wendell. The debt on the building is $91,000.00 with an appraised cost of over $150,000.00 The church has come a long way in a short length of time.

The dedication was special! The Lord's presence was real and powerful as Superintendent Long and Pastor Brafford led in the service. Several representatives of churches were present to participate in the service. Pastor Tommy McLaurin called off the evening service at the Emmanuel Church and brought his congregation over. Conference Department leaders were present including – Chris Thompson, Evangelism/Missions Director; Mary Belle Johnson, WM President; and Bill Roberson, Men's Ministries President.

This was Pastor Brafford's last service with the church. He has taken a position of ministry in Oklahoma City as Bishop Underwood's Executive Assistant. Rev. Vernon Potter, Jr. has been assigned as the new pastor effective December 6.

May the Lord bless this special church with His anointing, and Brother Brafford as he assumes his new role in ministry.

Abundant Life Fellowship – Anniversary Sunday

Genesis Dedication

Ron and Sharon Wooten and Family Missionaries to Africa

For the past seven years Ron and Sharon have been ministering in the North Carolina Conference, at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn, NC. Ron has served as Minister of Music and Associate pastor, with an emphasis on evangelism and outreach. On August 1, Ron received a call from the Lord to become a missionary to Africa, and starting January 9, he and his family will begin this new venture in their walk with the Lord.

Ron was licensed as a minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1982, where he joined the Eastern Virginia Conference. He worked at the Portsmouth First PHC from June 1983 until September 1986. He then took the position at Gospel Tabernacle. In January of 1987 Ron joined the North Carolina Conference and was ordained in this conference, and will continue as a missionary in the North Carolina Conference.

Ron is married to Sharon List Wooten, the oldest daughter of Philip and Gailya List. Sharon was reared on the mission field in Africa and has felt the call of the Lord as well on her life to go back to Africa. Sharon, like Ron, is a graduate of Emmanuel College School of Christian Ministries. She is a true godly wife and mother, and has always been active in the ministry with her husband. Ron and Sharon have three children. Joshua is 7 years old, Jessica is 3, and a new baby born in December.

Ron and Sharon would love an invitation to come and minister at your church. They not only want to raise support for the mission field, but want to be a blessing to every church they attend. They will be sharing about their call to missions, and ministering in special music and from the Word of God in these services. You can contact them at Route 3, Box 68-A, Dunn, NC 28334, or call them at 910-891-5857.

Deborah Williams

Deborah Williams was approved and appointed in the October General World Missions Board Meeting as an International Evangelist. Deborah will continue to serve as a North Carolina Conference Evangelist. As an International Evangelist she will be making several trips overseas each year to minister. She leaves for her first trip on January 15. She will be going to the Philippines.

It will be necessary for Deborah to raise her expenses and support for these special ministry opportunities. Financial gifts for Deborah's ministry should be sent through regular church channels, the same procedure as the missionaries.

May the Lord bless and anoint His servant as she expands her opportunities of ministry. May the Lord grant many new souls to be born into the Kingdom.

Mike and Christy Via

Mike and Christy Via, our missionaries to West Africa, hope to leave for the field in the early summer of 1994. In preparation for leaving for the field, they continue to raise their monthly support and hope to fill a forty-foot overseas container with supplies for their missions station. Following is a letter from the Vias explaining this special project:

Dear Fellow Missions Supporters:

Our Lord has given us a clear instruction to *CHALLENGE* the saints to a "hands-on" missions support project to meet the physical needs of the Pentecostal Holiness people in West Africa. We *NEED* your old Bibles, shoes, bicycles, etc...and the list goes on. Bless others out of your abundance.

Next spring, a forty foot overseas container will leave Falcon for Cameroon, providing the supplies for our missions station. The need is so great, but God is greater!

Collect these things as God provides, and drop them at our storage facility in Falcon. *ALL ITEMS MAY BE USED, BUT MUST BE IN WORKING ORDER.*

For God's work in Togo and Cameroon:

- baptismal gowns (made from sheets, etc.)
- blankets (worn is ok, but no holes)
- radios – battery powered (small transistor)
- shoes – men, women, children (no high heels)
- typewriters – manual (for native pastors)
- bicycles (for native evangelists, adult size)
- vegetable seeds (help feed our people)
- bars of soap (never enough)
- Bibles – testaments (notes or writing, ok)
- printer for computer
- garden tools – shovels, hoes, rakes, picks, axes
- hand tools – hammers, saws (to repair our churches)
- first aid supplies (even strips of old sheets, rolled into bandages, aspirin, cough syrup, medical tape, crutches, etc.)
- powdered milk (for babies with sick mothers)
- any musical instruments (even without strings)

Please call Secretary Rose Nelson or Director Thompson at 910-980-1162 or Mike and Christy Via at 910-980-1419 (Christy's work number 910-980-1277) for additional information.

Thousands of lives will be touched through your obedience, Matthew 24:31-36. Please read this Scripture out loud. There is so much power in God's Spoken Word.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Paul Wheeler Awarded Gold Medal of Achievement

On November 21, 1993 North Carolina Conference Royal Rangers Commander Bill Linn awarded Paul Wheeler from the Clinton First PH Church the GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. Paul was also presented a "God and Life Award" during the same ceremony. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. David Wheeler of Clinton, NC.

The GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is the highest achievement a boy can earn in the Royal Rangers ministry. Upon earning the GMA a boy automatically becomes a Jr. Commander, a position he holds until he becomes eighteen (18) years of age at which time he may take the LTC to become a Lieutenant Commander.

After earning the highest rating in either the Sea Rangers, Air Rangers, or Trail Rangers, the following requirements are necessary to earn the GMA Award:

1. He must read THE ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS MANUAL.
2. He must obtain from his commander a statement that he qualifies for the award and enclose a list of the advanced awards he has earned.
3. He must write a 500-word theme on the subject "The Value of Royal Rangers." It should include the most important benefits he has received by being a Royal Ranger and what he believes this program would do for other boys. (This theme, along with the statement from his commander, must be sent to his district commander for his approval.)
4. He must be between the ages of 14-17.
5. He must be approved by the Conference and Conference GMA Review Board and the National Royal Rangers Office.

Since the beginning of the Royal Rangers Ministry in the Pentecostal Holiness Church a total of nine (9) young men have been awarded the GMA. They are as follows:

Daniel Capps
–Grace Community PH Church

North Carolina Conference Royal Rangers Commander Bill Linn presents award to Paul Wheeler.

Chad Kueny
–Grace Community PH Church

Blair Seaberg
–Grace Community PH Church

Jonah Price
–Northwood Temple PH Church

Chris Jones
–Northwood Temple PH Church

Patrick McCune
–Northwood Temple PH Church

Charlie Massey
–Stedman

Michael Shane Strickland
–Stedman

Paul Wheeler
–Clinton

District Talent and Ranger of the Year Schedule for 1994

DISTRICT	CHURCH	DATE	TIME
Raleigh	The Capital	February 25 Friday	7:30 P.M.
Fayetteville	Mt. Carmel	February 26 Saturday	9:30 A.M.
Goldsboro	The First	February 28 Monday	7:30 P.M.
New Bern	Heritage	March 1 Tuesday	7:30 P.M.
Wilson	Living Waters	March 3 Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Rocky Mount	Harvest Temple	March 4 Friday	7:30 P.M.
Greenville	Faith	March 5 Saturday	9:30 A.M.
Williamston	Roper	March 7 Monday	7:30 P.M.
Wilmington	Sneads Ferry	March 8 Tuesday	7:30 P.M.
Morehead City	Maranatha	March 10 Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Lumberton	Pembroke	March 14 Monday	7:30 P.M.
Clinton	Peniel	March 15 Tuesday	7:30 P.M.

Creative Writing Theme Title: "If I Were Running The Church"

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

94283 E
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION
UNC LIBRARY, WILSON 024 A
CHAPEL HILL NC
27599

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 49 | MAY/JUNE 1994 | NUMBER 3

In Memory Of
Bishop J. Floyd Williams

October 12, 1924 – March 29, 1994

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

PENTECOST
"LORD, DO IT AGAIN, PLEASE"

Historically and theologically the day of Pentecost will never be repeated. However, believers must constantly remember that the glorious Holy Spirit who came into the 120 in the upper room on that notable day is still with us. He has not been withdrawn nor summoned back to Heaven by the Father. He is very present in the Church today. Now, we do not see the cloven tongues of fire, and we do not hear the sound of the rushing mighty wind, but our tongues have been set on fire with the message of salvation; and the Holy Breath of His presence comforts, strengthens, instructs, and guides us as we serve our Lord in the spirit-filled life.

There have been extended periods of time in church history when the Church visible has not made Him welcome. Even in those benighted moments the Holy Spirit has lovingly waited for hearts cleansed by the blood of the Lamb who would submit to His Awesome presence. He has never excommunicated the Beloved of the Lord. It is always the opposite.

Sometime when I remember with refreshing renewal some of the occasions across the years when the Holy Ghost has manifested Himself so vividly, I cry out to the Lord, "Lord, do it again, please!"

The principles He instilled in those first believers who received His infilling have not changed. Antecedent ingredients prevailed among them that laid the foundation for their receptivity. We discover those ingredients in Acts, chapter one.

First of all, those believers were in beautiful fellowship with the risen Lord.

> **To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:** Acts 1:3

Secondly, they embraced for themselves the promise of the Holy Ghost

> **And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.** Acts 1:4, 5

Then they were obedient to the command of Jesus to go to Jerusalem to await the infilling of the Spirit.

> **Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.** Acts 1:12, 13

Another beautiful thing about these people is that they were united in spirit.

> **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.** Acts 1:14

The Word of God is so ultimately important. Part of the bedrock of expectation that existed among them as they waited for **The Promise** is their allegiance to and honor for the scriptures.

> **And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called, in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and His bishopric let another take.** Acts 1:15-20

When they needed to make a crucially important decision, they brought their dilemma to the Lord in prayer.

> **Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen.** Acts 1:21-24

The need of this hour is to **have our** omniscient, omnipotent **God** to "**do** it again!"

When that occurs, we must be prepared in order to receive. That requires that we are captured by a renewed revelation of the risen Christ in a deeper experience of His Resurrection power. Unwavering faith in God's Word, the Bible, will be accompanied in us by a spirit of unity in the Church as we approach the Giver of all grace in believing prayer.

Yes, Lord, do it again!

Funeral Program Of Bishop J. Floyd Williams

Tuesday, March 29, 1994
Three O'clock P.M.
St. Paul
Pentecostal Holiness Church
Greenville, North Carolina

Home Going Service
For
Bishop J. Floyd Williams
March 29, 1994

Organ Prelude – Betty Le Roux
Processional
"Doxology" – Congregation
Scripture and Prayer – Rev. Randall Reece
As A Friend – Rev. E. L. Trueblood
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – Richard Williams, Soloist
As General Superintendent – Rev. James R. Pennington
World Missions – Rev. Jim Gardner
"Grace Greater Than Our Sins" – St. Paul Choir
A Preacher's Preacher – Rev. Greg Whitlow, Rev. John Hedgepeth, Rev. E. L. Trueblood
"How Firm A Foundation" – Congregation
Recessional

Graveside Services
At
Greenwood Cemetery

Rev. E. L. Trueblood
Rev. Randall Reece

Honorary Pallbearers

The North Carolina Conference Board and all ministers. (A section of the church is reserved for all ministers and their spouses.)

Active Pallbearers

Mitchell Jones
Rev. Charles Grooms
Rev. Timothy McKenzie
Tommy Williams
Rev. David McGhee
Rev. Paul LaVerne Loftin

Bishop J. Floyd Williams
A Testimonial
My Conversation
and Call To Ministry

I was born to pioneer Pentecostal Holiness parents, Jacob B. Williams and Bessie M. Harrington Williams, on October 12, 1924. From my earliest remembrance I was taught the Word of God and Christian principles.

My first experience with God came when I was about five (5) years of age. I was genuinely converted in the St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greenville, North Carolina. This initial experience was definite and very real in my life. It is true, that later on in life I failed the Lord, but I do not recall a single day when I did not pray to God and ask Him for His blessings.

All my life I have felt the call to preach. When my father was on his death-bed, he called me to his bedside (I was three years of age) and laid his hands upon me and asked God to transfer his mantle to me. I was not told about this event until I had committed myself to the ministry.

At 16 years of age in the Aulander Camp Meeting at Aulander, North Carolina, I was invited to the altar by a Christian lady in whom I had the greatest confidence. Out of respect for her I went to the place of prayer. While there, I was reclaimed. The last barrier I had to overcome prior to reinstatement with God was the acceptance of the call to the ministry.

I was licensed to preach when I was 17 years of age and ordained at 19 years of age. I pastored my first church when I was 18. I have been involved in the full-time ministry since I was 19. I have pastored some of the smallest churches in our denomination and some of the largest. I have served in almost every official capacity available in the church. God's grace has been sufficient and His goodness has been real.

Bishop J. Floyd Williams
October 12, 1924 –
March 27, 1994

Bishop J. Floyd Williams, a native of Pitt County, attended Agnes Fullerlove School and Greenville High School. He wa a 1943 graduate of Franklin Springs Institutes (Emmanuel College) Franklin Springs, Georgia. He received Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degrees from Holmes Theological Seminary, Greenville, South Carolina; Oklahoma City Southwestern College, Oklahoma City; Oklahoma and Pacific Coast Bible College in California.

He became a licensed minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in the North Carolina Conference in 1942 and was ordained in 1944. From 1943 until 1962, he pastored numerous churches in the North Carolina Conference. He served as the Vice President of the General Sunday School Convention. He also served as the Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference.

In 1961 he was elected Assistant General Superintendent of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church and served as Director of the Department of Education. In 1965 he was elected Vice Chairman and served as Director of World Missions. In 1969 he was ordained and titled Bishop serving as General Superintendent until 1981.

He was a member of the National Association of Evangelicals and served on the Board of Administration and was a past President. He was a member of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and served as Chairman for three terms. He was a past Executive Member of the Presidium for the World Pentecostal Fellowship. He was a member of the World Relief Corporation.

Bishop Williams is survived by his devoted wife Jean Ashburn Williams; his loving sons J. Floyd Williams, Jr., James Ashley Williams, and Jonathan Benjamin Williams; daughters-in-law Sarah Cooper Williams and Connie Mash Williams. He had a special love for his four grandchildren Jamison Daniel, Natalie Lou, Allison Jayne, and Ashley Jean. He is also survived by his sister Rosa Lee Highsmith.

CHURCH NEWS

Note Burning

Clayton Church Burns Note

In May of 1993 the Clayton PH Church found itself with no money and a large debt hanging over them. In our first board meeting together the Lord promised that He would retire this debt so that His church would not be hindered spiritually because of financial burdens.

Our people became excited and began to rally together to work toward the retirement of this debt. Then in the month of August 1993 the Lord moved upon the hearts of one of our families and in one offering they gave $5,000.00 **Praise the Lord!** Their request was that this money be used to pay off our loan. The Lord blessed and came through for the Clayton PH Church. Just as He promised!

Since the month of September 1993 the Lord has continued to bless the Clayton church. We now have an operating capital of nearly $5,000.00

The Lord has blessed us in other areas. We have not only grown financially, but we have grown numerically and spiritually. **To God be the glory for great things He hath done.**

Randy Medlin, pastor

Friendship (Wilson District) Church News

The Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church celebrated its 30th Anniversary Sunday, February 27, 1994.

The day started with fifty-four in Sunday School. The morning worship service was attended by approximately sixty people. Seven of the fifteen charter members were present along with several former members and visitors in the service. Nine deceased members were honorably mentioned during the service. After a very inspiring message by Rev. H. R. Turpin, former pastor, lunch was spread in the church fellowship hall for a delicious meal and fellowship.

After the death of Mrs. Ophelia Flowers, pastor of the Gospel Holiness Tabernacle in Wilson, NC, a group of eleven people came together on February 16, 1964, and formed a Pentecostal Holiness Mission.

On February 26, 1964, the church was organized by the late Rev. W. Eddie Morris, NC Conference Superintendent at the time with fifteen charter members. Within six weeks the Sunday School had more than doubled with sixty-eight present on Easter Sunday.

On March 14, 1965, the Wainwright Avenue Pentecostal Holiness Church (the name at organization) was renamed Friendship. Rev. Emmett Turner pastored the church from February 26, 1964, until August, 1966 at which time he was assigned to the Black Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church. The present membership is 66.

Under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Powell a groundbreaking was held in July 1972 for a new church located at the Junction of 301 Highway and 42 East. The first service was held in the new church in December 1973. On March 16, 1975, the church was dedicated by Rev. J. Doner Lee, then superintendent of the NC Conference.

Under the leadership of Pastor Dwight Jones, the fellowship hall was completed in 1982 and a roof was placed on the church.

The church now has an active Women's Ministries, GEMS and Royal Rangers. The church also has a growing Christian Education Department. The Lord is still blessing, and people are being saved and joining the church and becoming involved in the work of the Lord. Please pray for us at the Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Rev. Emmett Turner, pastor

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Mary Belle Johnson.....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Bill Roberson .....**Men's Fellowship**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (USPS 179-920) is published Bi-monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
Jimmy Whitfield .....**Assistant Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
L. B. Collins.....**Board Member**
W. M. Wooten .....**Board Member**
Frank Gentry.....**Board Member**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

Mary & Mildred Day!

February 13, 1994
A tribute to Mary and Mildred Elliott
In Appreciation of Faithful Service To the Lord.

Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church
2000 Ruann Drive – Wilson, North Carolina 27893
Pastor – William M. Wooten

MARY AND MILDRED

Who are they? – They are born-again, vibrant, and fully alive Christians in full service to the Lord in the Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church where they have served as full-time organist and pianist for the past 30 years!

Mary Elizabeth and Mildred Louise were born September 10, 1924, to Elizabeth Lee and Frank Moye Bissette. Mary proudly points out the fact that she is five minutes older than Mildred! They had four brothers – Tyrus Raymond, Frank Moye, John Elmer, and Richard Lee – and two sisters – Annie Mae and Lurline.

Mary and Mildred began attending Sunday School with their mother at the First Christian Church at age six, but on Sunday nights they visited different churches with their father. Both Mary and Mildred have been saved for 56 years and have been church members for 54 years – joining the Pender Street Church in 1940. They have been playing music in the church for 53 years and have been singing specials since they were 11 years old. They have been full-time musicians in The Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church for the past 30 years.

Mary and Mildred have always been active Christians. They have served in about every official position in the church except for the Church Executive Board. They have taught Sunday School, served as Lifeliners Directors, President of Women's' Auxiliary, and have directed Vacation Bible Schools. Mary was at the very first Woman's Auxiliary meeting when it was organized by Sister Lila Berry and she is the only charter member of the present Wilson First Women's Ministries group.

On March 23, 1940, Mary was married to Luther Warren Elliott. They were blessed with two sons, Frank Warren and William Ervin. They were married for 36 years until Luther's death on April 18, 1976.

Mildred married James Marvin Elliott on July 17, 1948, and was married 28 years until his death on June 24, 1976. They were blessed with one son, James Marvin, Jr.

To quote their family, "There will never be another pair like these!"

WILSON FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
2000 RUANN DRIVE
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA 27893

WILLIAM M. WOOTEN, MINISTER **237-0631**

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
February 13, 1994

Musical Prelude	Mary Elliott, Organist Mildred Elliott, Pianist
Choruses	
Prayer	
Choir	"I Will Give You Water"
Offertory	

HONORING MARY AND MILDRED

Today, we are paying tribute to two very special people – Mary and Mildred Elliott. They are a vital part of the Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church and have been for a long time. Their dedication and commitment are such that coming to church here would not seem right if they were not here. Seeing their cheerful faces, listening to their humorous teasing of one another, and enjoying their beautiful music adds so much to our services. Faithfulness is a great thing and it is certainly characteristic of Mary and Mildred. We love them very much and are so thankful that God saw fit to bless us by placing them here. Their cooperative spirit is significant and enables others to be able to carry out their work in the church. Mary and Mildred – we honor you today!

Presentation of Mary	Billy Elliott
Presentation of Mildred	Jimmy Elliott
Special Recognition	The Honorable Bruce Rose Mayor – City of Wilson
Presentations from The Church	Pastor Wooten
Morning Message	Rev. Frankie Elliott
Love Offering	
Benediction	

Lunch served in the Fellowship Hall following morning service. Everyone is invited!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to honor Mary and Mildred by their sister, Lurline Wallace, with the message, "I am so blessed to have twin sisters and I thank God for you. I love you both so much." – Lurline

THE LOVELY ARM BOUQUETS OF RED ROSES are given to Mary and Mildred by their church family at the Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church as expressions of love and appreciation for the many years of faithful and dedicated service. The Twins have dedicated their lives and their talents to God and He has wonderfully used these talents to bless in our services as we worship Him. May God continue to use you to bless others!

FAMILIES OF MARY AND MILDRED ELLIOTT

MARY
– Son: Frank Warren Elliott and wife, Carolyn
– Grandchildren:
Paul Warren Elliott
Mary Carolina Elliott Farmer
Rebecca Ann Elliott Howell
– Great Grandchildren:
Leah Christian Farmer
Paul Christopher Elliott

– Son: William Ervin (Billy) and wife, Vickie
– Grandchild: William Daimon Elliott

MILDRED
– Son: James Marvin Elliott, Jr. (Jimmy) and wife, Elaine
– Grandchild: Lauren Ashley Elliott

Superannuated Birthdays

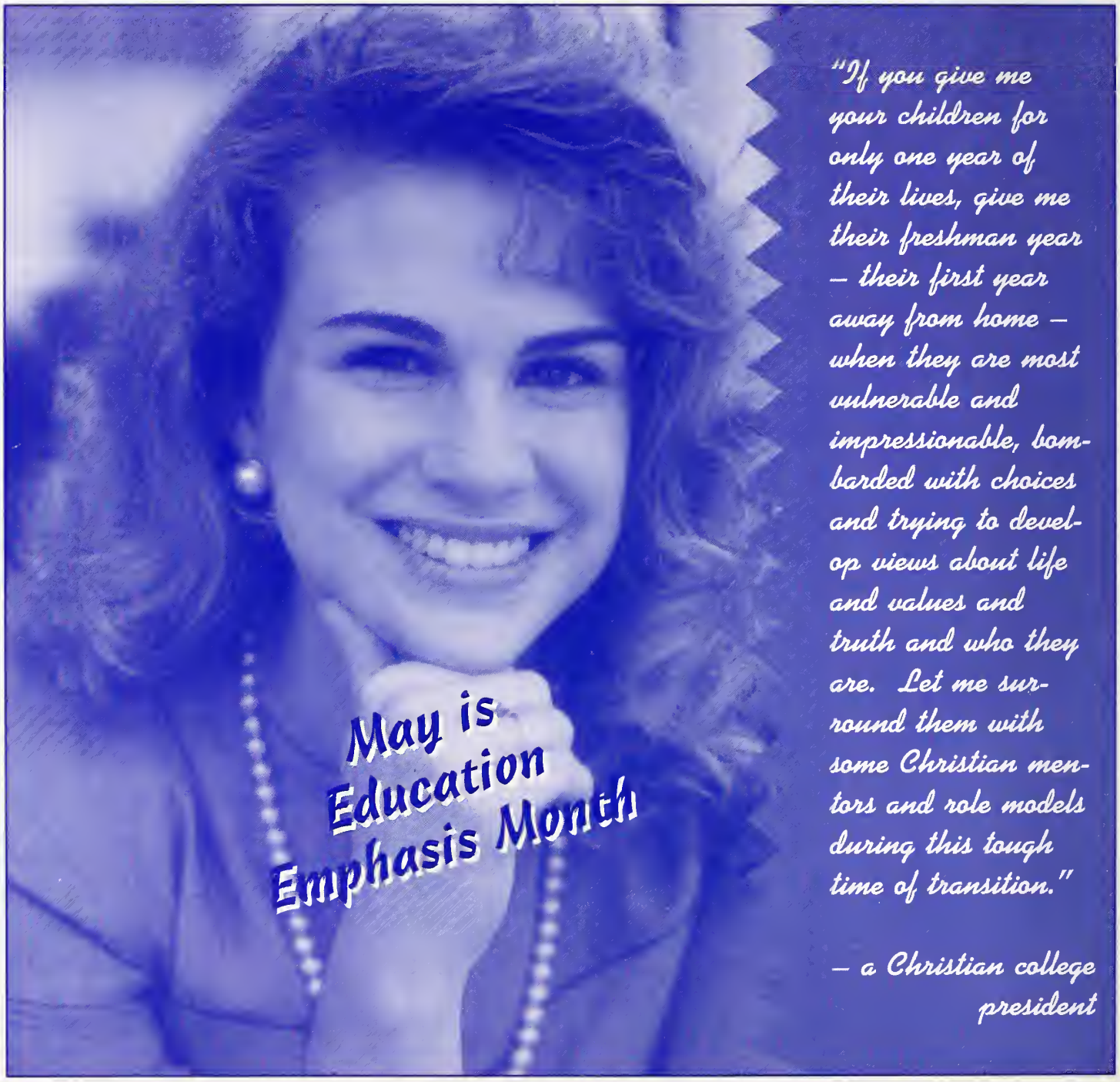
Rev. R. N. Hood ..... May 19
Rev. Garland Edwards ..... May 20
Rev. W. M. Watkins ..... May 20
Rev. Thomas E. Bizzell ..... May 21
Rev. Leonard Leggett ..... May 25
Rev. Royce Beacham ..... May 29
Rev. O. T. Howard ..... June 9
Rev. John Slye ..... June 9
Rev. Haywood Price ..... June 11
Rev. Harvey Morris ..... June 13
Rev. Marvin Whitfield ..... June 29

Alliance Revival

God met with us in a special way each night in a revival in November. He placed a special anointing on Sister Jayroe as she presented the true Word. Brother Jayroe was his usual loving and wonderful self at the piano. There were several experiences, beautiful singing, and the entire church was blessed with the visit of these two special people.

I would highly recommend that any church invite them for revival.

Betty Toler



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

THOUGHTFUL GEM: Today make the most of small opportunities and tasks. They could just be the start of great things.

For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
– Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)

GOD BLESS YOU

I received so many expressions of sympathy from friends across the conference. Your phone calls, comforting words, beautiful cards, lovely flowers, visits, and memorial gifts that will keep on touching lives were received with great appreciation. Thank you for making each day a little brighter as I mourn the loss of a very dear sister.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR

June – SHARING SISTER MONTH. The NCWM salutes our conference WM Sharing Sister. They are the Florida Conference Women's Ministries, with Mrs. Etheleen Stewart president.

June 4 – **Celebrate!** This is the theme for the 1994 WM Convention. We will come together to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as an organized WA/WM department of our church. We invite you to come celebrate with us.

June 4 – This is the year the convention will elect new WM officers, and decide legislation for the next four years. It is important that you come and participate in the events of the day. Mrs. Faye Leggett will be the presiding officer.

July – Receive contributions for the Blanche L. King Scholarship Fund.

1994 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The 1994 Leadership Seminar was unique in its training technique. SMART WOMEN KEEP IT SIMPLE was the theme. The workshops were planned and designed to help the woman cope with the demanding lifestyles of the '90s.

The Greenville First Church WM hosted the seminar in keeping with the theme. They made us feel welcomed with simple breakfast refreshments, simple hospitality that was so warm, and a delicious simple lunch. You would need to have been there to sense the joy of such simple splendor!

The NCWM Board appreciates each church WM in the Greenville District that participated in the success of the day.

Anna LeRoux wrote a skit that was performed by the local ladies. It was a lesson in simplicity that kept us in laughter as we were being taught valuable lessons.

Thank you, Kay Rook, and each woman who participated in any way. I also want to express my gratitude to the other local WM groups who provided foods to help feed over 350 women at the 1994 Leadership Seminar. You are all so special.

1994 NCWM RETREAT

Theme: Our Heritage – Our Legacy

Location: New Heritage, U.S.A.

Attendance: 900-950 excited and enthusiastic people

Speaker: Margaret Jenson, a resident of Wilmington, NC. She had the audience laughing, crying, and "losing tract of time," as she led us into an awareness of His Holy Presence. To quote one woman, "She made her books come alive."

Visitors: Several denominations were represented. We welcomed them with love and admiration.

Music: Mrs. Sandra McCandless was superb at the piano. The special music was provided by Dawn Odham and The Capitol Trio. We were blessed by their ministry in song. Linda Thomas wrote a song just for our retreat – thank you, Linda, for touching our hearts so beautifully.

Program: We were reminded of our heritage. Mrs. Dollie Davenport who served 14 years as the NCWA President was recognized for the important role she played in the WA/WM heritage.
Lisa Carroway Ruehle spoke on areas of her life that were ministered to and changed because of her heritage that included women of Women's Ministries who really cared when she needed love and acceptance.
Westa Barefoot gave credit to Rev. Mrs. Louetta Morris for the heritage of training and inspiration she has received.
Sue Parker shared the salvation story of her legacy – her granddaughter.

Gifts: Many hostess gifts were given and accepted. Mary Belle gave two gifts from her cameo and bell collections. These gifts are part of her heritage now passed on to her legacies.
Faye Wheeler received a cameo, and Karan Barnhill received a bell from Mary **"BELLE."**

Remarks: 1) Lets get Margaret Jenson again!
2) Can we come again? Next Year? Maybe?
3) I wish we could make this a standing permanent location for our retreat each year.
4) How did you find our speaker? She is a living book.
5) Mary Belle, please draw me a map so I can get out of here!
6) I can feel a sacred presence everywhere I go in this place.
7) The Upper Room – I felt like I got saved all over again!!
8) You did it again; this retreat was the best.
9) Where can I find food???
10) The tour was fantastic, I learned so much about this place.
11) I got here at 2:30 a.m. but it was worth it!
12) Thank you and the board for doing this for us Mary Belle.
13) What can we do to top this one?
14) I spent the night in my car until 4:30. I got lost driving in the dark...all the time knowing I had a nice room and bed in the Grand Hotel!!
15) Can I get your signature one more time, Mrs. Johnson? I have one more form I need you to sign. (Sure)

Thank You: To Lisa and her husband, Dirck Ruehle, who really did lend assistance in so many ways. Their ready and eager responses to our requests went beyond our expectations. God bless you always.

Benediction: We observed the breaking of bread among us, symbolic of sharing our greatest heritage – THE WORD – our bread of life. Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow. Amen.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

The Lord has blessed the NC Conference with many exceptional ministers and evangelists. Rev. W. J. (Jim) Forehand is high among this group.

Recently I was privileged to hear Evangelist Forehand give a devotion to a group of our Conference leaders. He spoke for "A Plea for Balance." I asked him to put the word in print. What follows is an article that fulfills that request. It is a special word for our Conference today.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

D. Chris Thompson
Evangelism Director

A Plea For Balance

Human nature being what it is, human beings are given to extremes. This is especially true in spiritual things. For example, in seeking to free ourselves from what we perceive to be the legalism of the past, we seem to be leaping over the wonderful balance of liberty into licentiousness.

Remnant theology and harvest theology have also been brought into great conflict because of extremes. In reality there need be no conflict if we seek a true Bible balance.

For example there is the view that only a small remnant will be saved, and all we can do is hold the fort, or at least not lose as many as we have. I certainly reject such an extreme view of remnant theology. The very fact that over half the babies of the world die either in infancy or through abortion proves there will be more people in heaven than hell.

However, there is a more balanced view of remnant theology I do accept. Personally I believe it will be a remnant rather than the entire church that will be caught away in the initial rapture. All saved people will, of course, be finally saved. I refer only to the initial translation.

It is not my purpose to try to prove the point in this article. I would point out, however, that our founding fathers were wise enough to recognize ample scriptural evidence for opposing views, and so, wrote the Articles of Faith in such a way as to allow liberty. Also, some of the most knowledgeable men the church ever had subscribed to a partial rapture. In fact, there was probably a time when the majority of Pentecostal Holiness people accepted such a view of remnant theology.

I refuse to be mean or unkind to people who do not agree with this balanced view of remnant theology. But I expect the same courtesy in return.

Then, there is also an extreme view of harvest theology that I totally reject as unscriptural. Some would agree that before the rapture occurs at all there must be a world-wide revival. I heard a T.V. minister say "Jesus' coming is not imminent. He is not coming until we get the church ready for Him." Such a view is certainly in violation of the 13th Article of Faith of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. More importantly, it is a violation for the Word of God itself.

However, there is a more balanced view of harvest theology I do believe. Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Since that day, there has never been a time that the church was to dream of some future harvest. Instead we are commanded to have consistent vision of the ever present harvest.

Jesus also said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37). If we are not reaping a harvest, it is not because there is a shortage of a harvest but a shortage of laborers. There has never been a time in the history of the church that God could not and would not have sent a revival if there had been a proper vision of the harvest. There is no place so hard today that God cannot or will not give a revival if there is a proper vision of the harvest.

A man once asked D. L. Moody, "Don't you think things are getting better in the world?" Moody replied, "I see the world as a sinking vessel, and God has given me a lifeboat and said, 'Here, Moody, save all you can.' "

When we see the world as our Saviour sees it, we will also see a harvest. Do I believe in remnant theology? Yes! Do I believe in harvest theology? Yes! There is no conflict between the two. In fact, those who really believe in true remnant theology recognize how urgent the harvest really is. "Life up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

– Rev. W. J. Forehand

Deborah Williams
One of the First International Evangelists

Last October, the World Missions Board approved Deborah Williams as one of the first "international" Pentecostal Holiness evangelists (the first two were approved in the same meeting). Deborah continues to serve as an NC Conference Evangelist.

Evangelist Williams has made her first trip overseas. Below is an article describing her miraculous trip to the Philippines in January. She will be making several trips a year to the mission field to minster. She hopes to travel to Africa for several weeks in July.

As an International Evangelist, Sister Williams will not receive any salary. She will have to raise her expense money for the trips. For all practical purposes she is an itinerating missionary.

Churches and/or individuals may contribute to her account through regular missions channels. Credit will be given as would be any contribution to any missionary. Fund should be earmarked "Deborah Williams Account."

I praise the Lord for the doors that are opening for "our" evangelist. Sister Williams will do an excellent job.

In 1987, God gave me a burden for the Philippines, and brought a Filipino missionary, Norma Henderson, across my path. Although she was an American citizen, she returned to her brethren who were in great persecution and planted several churches during the ensuing revival. My heart cried out to God to go with her, but I felt "locked into my job situation." This January, God reunited Norma and me and sent us back to the Philippines.

My plane left the L.A. Airport on January 16, just hours before the earthquake. I left behind one shaking Nation to enter another. In Manila, we felt many tremors. We also visited the devastation below the slopes of the still trembling Mt. Pinatubo that erupted in 1992 and buried entire towns beneath 20 feet of ashes.

From there, we headed to Negros (pronounced Naygross), one of the largest Philippine Islands, where we ministered for 3 weeks among the "hidden people." Most of them have no running water or electricity. Few evangelists go there. In fact, we don't have one Pentecostal Holiness Church there, not even a minister. To my knowledge, I was the first.

While there, we held two major seminars for ministers only. Methodists, Catholics, Lutherans, Baptists, and Pentecostals of every variety met us in the town of Binalbagen. Mountain people traveled for 2 days. We planned for 150. We got 250. For 3 days we housed them and fed them 3 meals a day of rice and beans (better than their usual fair at home). We ministered on "The Person, Gifts, and Ministries of the Holy Ghost."

That last evening, we laid hands on all 250 and they fell under the power of the Holy Spirit. At least 35 received salvation. Another 75 were baptized in the Holy Ghost (with the evidence!), and we saw God perform many miracles. A tumor instantly disappeared. Several deaf people heard. A blind woman received her sight, and at least 2 lame men walked again. All praise and glory to Jesus!

Everywhere we preached, I heard the same question asked in a hundred different ways. When is the Lord coming? (Remember, it was in the Philippines where the last "date" for Christ's return was announced and many thousands of believers were deceived.) In all my Christian life, I was never made more keenly aware of the signs of the coming of the one great cataclysmic event – the visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Truly, the Holy Spirit is moving over the entire globe.

It is the time of fulfillment for every vision. If God has given you one, hang onto it. Don't allow the devil to steal it. Water it with prayer, don't doubt it and God will bring it to pass, for He never forgets. God's faithfulness is overwhelming.

"GO" Offering Promotion

The promotion and fund-raising for the 1994 "GO" (Global Outreach) Offering is intensifying. Members of the NC World Missions Committee have pledged to participate with a generous offering. Most have pledged a Day's Wage and Day of Prayer. Both are tremendously important.

The goal of the Conference this year is $120,000.00. Last year the Conference gave over $113,000.00. Each church and individual are asked to increase their giving by 10%. Together we can reach the goal. The need is critical!

Congratulations to the 1994 District Talent Winners!

CATEGORY	DISTRICT	JUNIOR WINNER	TEEN WINNER
Vocal Solo – Female	Clinton	Heather Phillips	Beth Carroll
	Fayetteville	Christina Rodriquez	Amy Cartee
	Goldsboro	Jana Yelverton	Sharon Hinnant
	Greenville	Amy Robertson	Michelle Miller
	Lumberton	Aubrey Walters	Melissa Faircloth
	New Bern	Erin Jamieson	Becca Howerin
	Raleigh	Amber Johnson	Kelley Moore
	Rocky Mount	Susanne Parker	Andrea Pardue
	Williamston	Stephanie Hinton	Mary Elaine Knox
	Wilmington	Erin Loftin	Paula Loftin
	Wilson	April Hawley	Michelle Meeks
Vocal Solo – Male	Clinton	Jonathan Gaddis	Dustin Phillips
	Fayetteville	Eddie Royal	David Strickland
	Goldsboro	David Wiley	
	Greenville	Larry Whitefield	Kriston Brown
	Lumberton		Ray Faircloth, Jr.
	Raleigh	Ben Smith	Kevin Potter
	Rocky Mount		Jamie Christenbury
	Williamston	Michael Whitehurst	Stephen Hollis
Vocal Ensemble – Division 1	Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle Duet	Gospel Tabernacle Quartet
	Fayetteville	Stedman Quartet	Youth In Covenant Trio
	Goldsboro	Joy Sound Duet	
	Greenville	Kinston 1st Duet	Kinston 1st Duet
	Lumberton	Chadbourn Duet	St. Pauls Trio
	Raleigh		
	Rocky Mount		Harvest Temple Quartet
	Williamston		New Hope Quartet
	Wilmington	Wallace Duet	
	Wilson		Shiloh Trio
Vocal Ensemble – Division II	Clinton		
	Fayetteville	Northwood T. Ens.	Northwood T. Ensemble
	Goldsboro	The First Ensemble	
	Greenville	Kinston 1st Ens.	The 1st Church of Greenville Teen Ensemble
	Lumberton	Mt. Olive Jr. Ens.	
	Raleigh	The Genesis Jr. En.	Lifeline Ens.
	Rocky Mount		Harvest Temple Ens.
	Williamston	Robersonville Ens.	
	Wilson		Shiloh Ens.
Vocal Ensemble Division III	Clinton	Joyful Notes Choir	Gospel Tabernacle C.
	Fayetteville	Stedman Choir	Northwood Temple C.
	Goldsboro	Whitley Choir	
	Raleigh	The Capital Choir	
Instrumental Solo – Wind	Clinton	Dave Pattishall	Melissa Sessoms
	Fayetteville	Evan Booth	Timothy Royal
	Goldsboro		Donna Allen
	New Bern	Betsy McCandless	
	Raleigh	Jonathan Johnson	Kelly Moore
	Rocky Mount		Jenny Boulden
	Williamston	Angela Dunning	
	Wilmington		Josh Foley
	Wilson	Jonathan Davis	
Instrumental Solo – Strings	Fayetteville		Susan Shells
	Greenville	Laura Pechtel	
Instrumental Solo – Definite Pitch Percussion	Clinton	Heather Phillips	
	Raleigh	Kristin Ward	
Instrumental Solo – Indefinite Pitch Percussion	Fayetteville		Taylor Booth
	Goldsboro		Robert Ballance
	Greenville	Wesley Robertson	
	Lumberton		Ray Faircloth, Jr.
	New Bern		Denton Carawan
	Raleigh		Paul Clawson
	Rocky Mount		John Scott Pardue
	Williamston		Chris Lane
	Wilson	Blake Sanders	

Congratulations to the 1994 District Talent Winners!

CATEGORY	DISTRICT	JUNIOR WINNER	TEEN WINNER
Instrumental Ensemble – Division I	Clinton	Clinton Brass Qt.	Brass 4-Him
	Fayetteville	Stedman Inst. Trio	
	Lumberton		Chadbourn Inst. Quartet
	New Bern		"The Duet"
	Raleigh		
	Wilson	Shiloh Trio	
Instrumental Ensemble – Division II	Clinton	Clinton Brass Quint.	Band of Believers
	Fayetteville	Northwood Temple E.	Northwood Temple Ens.
			Holly Hill Inst. Ens.
	Rocky Mount		Tarboro 1st Inst. Ens.
Instrumental Ensemble – Division III	Raleigh	The Capital Church "Ding-a-lings"	Lifeline Handbell Choir
	Lumberton	"His Majesty's Best"	"His Majesty's Best"
Keyboard	Clinton	Benjamin Forehand	Samuel Forehand
	Fayetteville	Julie Price	Michelle Faircloth
	Goldsboro	Lisa Edwards	
	Greenville	Blaire Hardee	
	Lumberton	Ashley Bullard	
	Raleigh	Kimbery Carter	
	Rocky Mount	Susanne Parker	Jennifer Pardue
	Williamston	Amy Bartlett	Barry Knox
	Wilmington	Erin Loftin	
	Wilson	Lauren Davis	
Communication Arts – Speech	Clinton		Jody Sessoms
	Fayetteville	Natalie Altman	Adam Barrington
	Rocky Mount		Greg Pike
Communications Arts – Drama – Audible	Clinton	Peniel Drama Team	
	Fayetteville	Stedman Jr. Drama Team	Mt. Carmel Drama Duet
	Greenville		Jamie Evans
	New Bern		Holly Hill Drama Team
	Raleigh	The Capital Drama	Lifeline Drama Team
	Rocky Mount		Jennifer Pardue
Communication Arts – Drama – Inaudible	Clinton		Gospel Tab. Drama T.
	Fayetteville	Stedman Drama I Team	D.E.W.
	Goldsboro		J.A.M. Drama Team
	Greenville		Greenville 1st Drama Team
	Raleigh	The Capital Inaud. Drama Team	Evangelistic T. Inaud. Drama Team
	Rocky Mount	Tarboro Jr. Drama Team	Tarboro 1st Drama Team
Creative Arts – Painting	Goldsboro	Leah White	
	Williamston	Lauren Farmer	
Creative Arts – Graphics	Clinton	Jennifer Stephenson	Claire Lockwood
	Fayetteville	Michael Strickland	Heather Daniels
			Rachel Nowiski
	Goldsboro	Kasey Pierce	Jerry Langston
	Lumberton	Nathan Driggers	
	Raleigh		Chris Daniels
	Rocky Mount		Clark Anderson
	Williamston	April M. Vick	Tina Warren
			Jason Davenport
	Wilmington		Crystal Norman
			Kevin Smith
Creative Arts – Photography	Fayetteville	Jacob Norris	
		Kelly Webster	
	Raleigh		Beth Hawks
	Rocky Mount		Renee Love
	Williamston	Amy Bartlett	
Creative Arts – Fabricated Art	Fayetteville	Kelly Webster	B. J. Laub
Creative Writing	Clinton		Melissa Sessoms
	Fayetteville		Deana McLeod
	New Bern		Rex Allen Bennett
	Raleigh	Lind Sturkie	
	Rocky Mount	Carroll Beecham	Andrea Pardue
	Wilson	Julie Davis	Brenna Pearson

1993 Ranger-Of-The-Year District Winners

DISTRICT BUCKAROO OF THE YEAR

DISTRICT	NAME	CHURCH
Fayetteville	Joshua Horn	Northwood Temple PH Church
Greenville	J. W. Stallings	Albritton PH Church
Goldsboro	Michael Rowe	Whitley PH Church
Lumberton	Jason Wilkins	St. Pauls PH Church
Morehead City	Matthew Mizesko	Glad Tidings PH Church
New Bern	Calvin Roberson	Friendship PH Church
Raleigh	Jordon Bauman	Covenant Church
Rocky Mount	Adam Brown	Tarboro First PH Church
Williamston	Daniel C. Pearson	Williamston First PH Church
Wilmington	Will Ivey	Harvest Fellowship PH Church
Wilson	Derek Hernandez	Shiloh PH Church

DISTRICT PIONEER OF THE YEAR

Clinton	Aaron Carter	Clinton First PH Church
Fayetteville	Johnny Hancock	Stedman PH Church
Greenville	Stephen Murphy	Kinston First PH Church
Goldsboro	Mitch Hardison	Whitley PH Church
Lumberton	Stephen Blackmon	St. Paul PH Church
Morehead City	Stephen Mezeski	Glad Tidings PH Church
New Bern	Matthew Hopkins	Friendship PH Church
Raleigh	Blake Etheridge	Covenant Church
Rocky Mount	Travis Savage	Tarboro PH Church
Williamston	John T. Pearson	Williamston First PH Church
Wilmington	Brandon Dyson	Harvest Fellowship PH Church
Wilson	Jason Ray Lee	Shiloh PH Church

DISTRICT TRAILBLAZER OF THE YEAR

Clinton	Jonathan Wheeler	Clinton PH Church
Fayetteville	Brad Hancock	Stedman PH Church
Greenville	Jonathan Jones	Albritton PH Church
Lumberton	William Jackson	St. Pauls PH Church
Morehead City	Robbie Landry	Glad Tidings PH Church
New Bern	Joe C. Buck, Jr.	Reelsboro PH Church
Raleigh	Caleb Boyette	Covenant Church
Rocky Mount	John S. Pardue, Jr.	Harvest Temple PH Church
Williamston	Paul B. Woodworth	Robersonville PH Church
Wilson	Grant E. Rowe	Lamms Grove PH Church

DISTRICT AIR/SEA/TRAIL RANGER OF THE YEAR

Fayetteville	Shane Strickland	Stedman PH Church
Greenville	Ronnie Basden, Jr.	Kinston First PH Church
New Bern	Clay Ernst	Friendship PH Church
Rocky Mount	Steven Cook	Tarboro PH Church

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 49 | JULY/AUGUST 1994 | NUMBER 4

NINETY–FIFTH FALCON CAMP MEETING
JULY 17, 1994 – JULY 24, 1994

SUNDAY, JULY 17
6:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service
Rev. Terry Tramel

MONDAY, JULY 18
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
11:00 A.M. Worship & Praise
Rev. Terry Tramel
12:30 P.M. Lunch
5:30 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
7:45 P.M. Evangelistic Service
Rev. Doyle Marley

TUESDAY, JULY 19
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Devotional Service
Rev. Ralph Lambert
11:00 A.M. Worship & Praise
Rev. Doyle Marley
12:30 P.M. Lunch
5:30 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
7:45 P.M. Rev. Terry Tramel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Devotional Service
Rev. Johnny Pollard
11:00 A.M. Worship & Praise
Rev. Terry Tramel
12:30 P.M. Lunch
12:30 P.M. NC Conference
Evangelists' Luncheon
5:30 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
7:45 P.M. Evangelistic Service
Rev. Doyle Marley

THURSDAY, JULY 21
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Devotional Service
Rev. J. Doner Lee
11:00 A.M. Worship & Praise
Rev. Doyle Marley
12:30 P.M. Lunch
12:30 P.M. Superannuate
Ministers' Luncheon
5:30 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
7:45 P.M. Falcon Children's
Home Emphasis
Rev. Terry Tramel

FRIDAY, JULY 22
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Devotional Service
Rev. Ralph Jernigan, Sr.
11:00 A.M. Worship & Praise
Rev. Terry Tramel
12:30 P.M. Lunch
4:00 P.M. Ministers' Wives
Fellowship
5:30 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
7:45 P.M. Evangelistic Service
Rev. Doyle Marley

SATURDAY, JULY 23
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Devotional Service
Rev. Raymond Potter
11:00 A.M. Memorial Service
Rev. Doyle Marley
12:30 P.M. Lunch
5:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Youth Emphasis
Bobby Forehand
Message:
Rev. Terry Tramel

SUNDAY, JULY 24
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
Rev. Bobby Forehand
11:00 A.M. Worship & Praise
Rev. Terry Tramel
12:30 P.M. Lunch
3:30 P.M. Singspiration
4:30 P.M. Dinner
6:00 P.M. World Evangelism
Emphasis
Rev. D. Chris Thompson
Message:
Rev. Doyle Marley

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Conference Superintendent's Report

The well-known greeting card conglomerate headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, had as its slogan for over a decade, "When you care enough to send the very best."

That is exactly what our Lord did when the Godhead so carefully and thoroughly planned our salvation and the fellowship of The Faith.

This idea is incorporated in the United States Army slogan, "Be all you can be" as they seek recruits.

This drive for excellence in the Body of Christ however, is not found in some advertising scheme but in the heart of our God who wants us to utilize all He has given us to excel for His glory.

The clergy and parishioners of this Conference have demonstrated again in 1993 that we are a people of vision and vitality. You afforded me a place in the God-ordained activity of this great enterprise of the Holy Spirit. I am grateful to the Lord and to you.

My activities during 1993 included 142 sermons preached as I drove approximately 35,000 miles in Conference work and preaching appointments. I also was involved in approximately 1186 visits with individuals and church boards. In addition, Conference Board Meetings, Christian Education and Evangelism Board Meetings, Conference Missions Committee Meetings, General Church World Missions Board Meetings, General Church Planning and Budgeting Committee Meetings (first eight months of 1993), Falcon Children's Home Board Meetings, General Board of Administration Meetings, and Emmanuel College Board of Education Meetings added to Falcon Camp Meeting, Christian Workers Institute, Piney Grove Camp Meeting, have taken a lot of my energies and time. Twelve District Conference and six Bi-District Conference/Evangelism Rallies were also a part of the schedule.

The Conference Board is a great group of men who sacrificially give of their time and energy to seek the direction of God, and what He wants this Conference to do to better know and do His will in this body of believers and in the world around us.

Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson (Women's Ministries President), and Mr. Bill Roberson (Men's Ministries Director) are a tremendous blessing to the ministry of the Conference. Brother Bobby Forehand, Christian Education Director, and Brother Chris Thompson, Director of Evangelism/Missions are to be commended for a job well done. The office staff and departmental boards and committees are a valuable asset to the work. I praise these dear people for their lasting contributions.

The State of The Church

	1992	1993
Church Membership	19,969	20,596
S. S. Membership	21,611	21,849
Youth Ministries Mem.	9,319	10,026
Average Attendance for 1993:		
A. M. Worship		13,919
Sunday School		11,558
Youth Ministries		6,068

In a few short years we will be facing the start of a new century, if our Lord Jesus Christ tarries His coming. The planting of our new churches must be a priority of our labor. I realize that our geographical location does not provide us with a large metropolitan population from which to draw. However, these are areas where new church congregations are dwindling because of population shifts and other factors. In some places two or more very small congregations could prayerfully consider a merger in order to strengthen the Body and mobilize the workers for His Harvest. Some of our larger congregations need to "mother" a new church. This could be done locally or we might venture into an unreached area of another state where we have little or no presence. Groups of Conference churches or a district could get involved in church planting within or without the geographical boundaries of the Conference. Ethnic ministry opportunities must be discovered and developed too.

A major key to reaching our potential is continuing revival that will revitalize existing churches. This is imperative! While our message must not be diluted with contemporary philosophy that tends to compromise Biblical truth, we must be people of vision who are willing to adopt methods that will enhance our work for the Master.

Commitment to training and development of better equipped ministers, lay and clergy, is a great need of the hour. We must elect leadership and adopt legislation that will help facilitate this urgent matter.

The continued prayerful and financial support of all the people and local churches the Lord has given us is necessary for our expansion into vistas of the end time harvest into which we are now thrust.

We move forward while our gaze is upward in the strong name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our heritage is grand. We build upon the mighty past and present our Fathers and Mothers in the Faith have given us in the will of God, our Eternal Father.

TEL

Newly Elected Officials

Reverend T. Elwood Long, Superintendent; Reverend D. Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent; Reverend Gary Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer; Reverend Roland Harrell, Board Member; Reverend Danny Nelson, Board Member; Reverend Elton Bryan, Board Member; Reverend David Wheeler, Board Member; Reverend Bobby Forehand, Christian Education Director, Seat and Voice Conference Board; Mrs. Linda Thomas, Women's Ministries President, Seat and Voice (WM Matters)

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Bill Roberson.....**Men's Fellowship**

******

The **EVANGEL** (USPS 179-920) is published Bi-monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ...**Assistant Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Available For Service

Jerry Stone is a native of North Carolina. He is the son of the late Reverend James B. Stone who pastored for many years in the North Carolina Conference. His mother resides at the Golden Years Nursing Home in Falcon, NC.

He has recorded several records and tapes, but his latest release on Dawn label is entitled "Fire On The Mountain."

He and his wife Jan attend the Asheville Pentecostal Holiness Church which is pastored by Reverend Doyle Marley.

Jerry travels, sings, and gives his testimony on how God delivered him from a wheel chair, delivered him from alcoholism, drug addiction, and what has been miraculously done in his daughter Kimberly's life. He has a message to tell the world, especially young people.

For appointments, tapes, etc., please contact Jerry at:1-800-354-4859 or 1-704-285-0660 or write Jerry Stone, c/o Olive Branch Music Company, P.O. Box 15972, Asheville, NC 28813.

North Carolina Conference

Holmes Alumni Supper Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 1994
5:00 P.M.

Private Dining Room
Conference Cafeteria
Fun and Fellowship

Meal $ 3.25

Birth Announcement

Reverend and Mrs. Tony Hawley
Announce the birth of a son,
Matthew Tyler, 7 lbs., 1 oz.
Born June 10, 1994

Star Search Talent

Congratulations to John Hinson, Jr. who won 1st Place in the Duplin County "Star Search" talent show May 13, 1994, at the B. F. Grady School Auditorium. He was awarded a trophy and certificate for his performance.

As vocal soloist John sang, "I Feel Like Running" and did a super job.

John is the eight-year-old son of Reverend and Mrs. John Hinson.

Superannuated Birthdays For July and August

Rev. Mrs. Mozzelle Dowd .....July 4
Rev. Sherrill Pope .....July 4
Rev. M. R. Britton .....July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall.....July 19
Rev. Ezra Fann .....July 21
Rev. W. H. Tyson.....August 4
Rev. L. L. Lassiter.....August 6
Rev. Wilbert G. Batten.....August 10
Rev. Joe L. Russell .....August 12
Rev. James Norton .....August 18
Rev. T. H. Godwin .....August 20
Rev. H. P. Woodard .....August 22
Rev. Mrs. Lynette Mosley .....August 23
Rev. Walter V. Denning .....August 26

Christopher Lee Butts Griffin

September 13, 1982 – January 15, 1994

Christopher Lee Butts Griffin was born on September 14, 1982. The family made a declaration that he would be loved, always taught the truth, the importance of salvation, worship and church attendance.

As a baby the Word of God on cassette was played in Christopher's room. He had a love and a knowledge for the Bible that was beyond his age. The family believes it was because of the Word getting into his spirit at a very young age. One of the first books he learned to read while in kindergarten was the Bible.

Falcon Camp Meeting and Youth Camp were highlights in Christopher's life; ranking with Christmas and birthdays. He attended Camp Meeting almost every year of his life, and when old enough he was there from Sunday to Sunday. Christopher was very much involved with the Camp Meeting for he got to know many of the evangelists and song leaders personally.

Last summer there was a conflict between the Camp Meeting schedule and swimming lessons. Christopher was disturbed with that and spoke to his grandmother about the problem. The two of them prayed and asked God to work it out that he might be able to attend. He had an accident that resulted in a broken bone in his hand, (we know God didn't cause it). He had to have a cast and there were no swimming lessons; but there was Falcon Camp Meeting.

Camp Meeting this year will be different for many friends and the family of Christopher. On January 15, 1994, Christopher went home to be with God. Not many days before his death he spoke with a man in his church about his love for his mother and dad but said "I love Jesus most of all." In about the same time frame he was walking with a neighbor. As they approached his home, he related to the neighbor that he had enjoyed his walk and stated, "One day I will be walking on streets of gold."

Today as plans are being made to worship and praise God at Falcon Camp Meeting 1994, Christopher is walking on streets of gold and worshiping the One he loves most.

There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

Deuteronomy 28:12 says, "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."

Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church is still receiving showers of blessings! Praise the Lord our God! Our newest blessing is a new 1994 Dodge van. In addition to our church bus, God has now increased our ability to go into the hedges and byways and compel them to come in. Our God is truly wonderful!!

Thanks to the faithful servants of God and the diligent work of our pastor, Anthony Rogers, the showers of blessings are plentiful. Jesus is surely our Lighthouse in this world of darkness!

Rose Fenton, Sec./Tres.
Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

THOUGHTFUL GEM: Do not look so long upon the door which has been closed that you do not see the one which has been opened for you.

1994 GEMS RETREAT

Mrs. Karan was without words when she learned all the pretty decorative packages on the stage were filled with gifts for her! Each local GEMS group brought gifts to say, "Thank you and we love you, Mrs. Karan." The NC girls, sponsors, and coordinators will miss her leadership.

She has served the GEMS Department well. It has been years of successes, joys, growth, and much anxiety as she and the GEMS Board, Sarah Brafford and Patsy Deese worked to give the new program a solid foundation in our conference.

Thank you, Karen, I have enjoyed our teamwork and the relationships built among us. I appreciate the diligence with which the three of you have labored. You have given your best; the best will return to you.

Four hundred sixty-three at the retreat? Yes, 463 well behaved girls came to "Celebrate Life in Christ." It was an enjoyable weekend of making memories with old and new friends.

DISTRICT WM RALLIES

1) Mrs. Janie Howard and the presidents of the Williamston District planned a family type rally that was a day of fun, relaxation, and singspiration.

Each local WM set up a booth – and what a variety! Crafts, foods, health care, social concerns, and activities for the children. All this was hosted by the Ahoskie Church in their new multi-purpose building. They also sold lunch and snack foods.

2) Mrs. Teresa Bradshaw and the Wallace Church WM hosted the Wilmington District Rally with happy greetings, delicious foods, and a well planned program that held our attention.

The speakers were mothers of daughters, one who died and another seriously injured in a freak and fatal car accident. We were challenged to accept death and know God makes no mistakes. It was an evening of self examination and placing values in the proper prospective.

3) I want to thank these two district directors and the ladies of the Williamston and Wilmington Districts for their time, involvement, and planning two most enjoyable rallies.

4) I also want to thank each district director for the leadership she has provided in her district. I have listened to the women of your districts as they expressed themselves regarding the leadership in their area. Joyce, Annie Lou, Justine, Arlene, Ruth, Janice, Mesheldar, Sue, and Edna, you have made a difference for me and for women in each district. God bless you always.

THANK YOU!

To Mrs. Sylvia Long who has served as the MWF Director with her committee Rose and Celia, your efforts have been observed by the wives of our ministers. May you be rewarded for your hours of planning and serving.

To Dorothy Boyette, our NCWM Historian – we will always remember you and the ways you have preserved our history in keeping current our scrapbooks. Thank you, Dorothy.

NO GOODBYES!!

As I write this manuscript, the 1994 Convention is only four days away. When you read this, you will have new leadership with new plans and ideas for the NC Women's Ministries. I urge you to support the new president and her board. Allow them to serve you in God's will.

Someone asked recently, Mary Belle, will it be easy or difficult for you to say good-bye to us? My reply, "I never say good-bye. I just step aside and wait to hear God speak to me again!" He always amazes me with His plans!

You have been so gracious the past years. Each lady is unique and, oh, so special! You have enhanced my life and enriched my leadership ministry with just being you and allowing me to just be me. God did good when He created such beautiful women and then planted them in my garden of life!!

I am so grateful to be a part of our 50th year anniversary celebration. We have been blessed. We are going to continue to reshape lives as we move forward committed to ministry with hearts of service.

FRIENDS

Westa, Linda, Regenia, and Sue have worked diligently. It has been teamwork – and there is a bonding that will remain. It came through work, prayer, laughter, and tears. I feel a chuckle bubble inside right now as memory recalls some of the lighter times shared, usually following hours of business, planning seminars, retreats, conventions – not to mention all the other matters of importance. The many miles traveled together just strengthened our relationships.

They have been my friends; They will remain my friends. No good-byes for us. We have already planned our first reunion as friends and not a board!!

MY FAMILY – You are the Best. Need I say more? Thank you for sharing mom with the NCMW and GEMS. God bless you Leon, Dianne, Jerry, and Jeremy.

PLANNING AHEAD

Agnes Robinson Christmas Missions Offerings to be sent in to the Conference WM Secretary by September 1.

Feast of Ingathering Offerings to be received (the new president will direct you regarding the procedure for doing this and the date(s) it will be done).

Campbells Labels – never stop collecting them. This will be an ongoing project even after we get the van.

YOU ARE SPECIAL; You really are; and I Will...love you forever.

Mary Belle Johnson

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Conference Wide Day Of Prayer and Fasting

On Thursday, May 5, 1994, evangelical Christians throughout the country gathered to pray and fast for the country, revival, evangelism, etc. Our Conference was no exception. The Evangelism Department Personnel, in cooperation with the WIN Director Rev. W. M. Wooten, had designated prayer centers within each of the twelve districts. Each of the District Evangelism Directors led the Solemn Assemblies of Prayer and Fasting.

In addition to the designated district prayer cents several other churches hosted their own prayer emphasis. All totaled over twenty churches hosted prayer events. Some three hundred plus individuals participated in the prayer gatherings.

In addition to those who assembled for prayer, hundreds within the Conference used the distributed prayer schedule to agree in prayer. The prayer schedule called for intercession from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many extended their prayer times. Most chose to fast at least one meal during the day.

This was the second annual prayer event within the Conference. Last year a day of Solemn Assembly for prayer and fasting was held in Falcon. Some ninety plus attended. This year proved to be a marked increase. Praise the Lord!

Prayer does make a difference: It is a powerful tool to be used for change. America is in crisis! Revival is imperative! Prayer can make a difference. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (*2 Chronicles 7:14*).

Hispanic Update

Progress is being made in reaching out to the growing number of Hispanics within the Conference. Our first Spanish-speaking (Spanish only) minister transferred into the conference on May 24. Rev. Luis Mantriques lives in Fuquay Varina. Brother Mantriques has already planted one Spanish church in Eastern North Carolina that went over one hundred in attendance. He will be working very closely with the Evangel Church, Fuquay Varina, and Pastor William O'Neal to reach the Hispanic population in Wake County. May the Lord grant that many souls be won into the kingdom.

Our Newest Church Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church

Superintendent Long and I traveled to Smyrna, NC, on Wednesday night, June 1, to meet with a group of people who desired to organize a new Pentecostal Holiness Church. Smyrna is a community located between Beaufort and Cedar Island. Some eighty-seven individuals were present.

After a time of singing and devotion, Superintendent Long read the Articles of Faith, Covenant of Commitment, and Council of Guidance. Fifty-eight individuals then stood and gave their names as a charter members. This is an excellent number to begin a new church. Rev. Vance Harrell will be the pastor of the new congregation.

The Evangelism Department has shared chairs and other equipment to be used in the new church. The new church will get a $500.00 gift from the Conference Evangelism Department and a $500.00 gift from the General Evangelism Department. The Harkers Island Church has contributed a sizeable amount from their savings to help birth this new church.

May the new church grow and reach the Smyrna community for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Vance Harrell

Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church

Friendship Evangelism Materials

For some time now the Men's Ministries Department has been offering for use in the local church a soul-winning course entitled, ***Friendship Evangelism.*** This is excellent material. it has been tested in the local church and proven effective. To date some **578** individuals have completed the course and received certificates.

The goal of the Men's Ministries and Evangelism Departments of North Carolina is that each church will offer this course to the laity. The course offers an excellent approach to witnessing utilizing "lifestyle evangelism." It is not a high pressure approach. The focus of the material is learning to "tell your story" and building relationships with those lost in sin.

The material was developed in cooperation with Men's Ministries, the General Evangelism Department, and the NC Conference Evangelism Department. Material may be ordered from Director Jack Kelley's office in Fayetteville, NC (P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307 – Telephone 910-323-4777). A **Teacher's Manual**, with order blanks, is available for $6.95. Student texts are available at $3.95 each. Other supplemental materials are available from the Conference Office.

Recently Pastor Ray J. Ward, Evangelistic Temple, assisted Missionary John Parker in a ministry trip to Trinidad. Here is his report.

Trinidad World Missions Trip

Flying over the island of Trinidad at night was worth the six hours of flying. It looked like a Christmas Tree plastered on the darkness of the Atlantic Ocean. Little did I realize the hour and a half drive from Port O Spain to Brother and Sister Van Allen's home would be worse than the flight. The road systems are so poor.

Brother and Sister Andrew Van Allen's home is a lovely two story home but has become the center of the entire ministry of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Trinidad. It is here they house guests from General Headquarters to local pastors who come for training retreats and conferences. The Van Allens are a lovely couple who have a heart, not only for the Lord, but also for the work in Trinidad. They work so well with the people, and it is obvious that the people love and respect them as leadership from the Lord.

We bean early the next morning (Saturday) and drove 30 minutes to the only Church Building they have for the Conference of Pastors. The other churches (they call them House Churches) meet under tin shelters attached to homes throughout the area. My agenda was to teach "Pastoral Ministry." And for two sessions I shared with them the same training we use at Evangelistic Temple for our Leadership except in condensed form. Brother John Parker shared with them concerning the doctrine of "Sanctification." The people were like spiritual sponges; they seem to hang onto and digest every word you say.

On Sunday morning we were all sent in difference directions and preached at different churches. I preached at Saint Margaret's, a House Church located right on the beach. What an experience! The temperature was almost as high as the humidity, and little baby chicks walked among my feet while I preached. But thank God for five people who responded and began a relationship with Jesus Christ; one of which was the Pastor's teenage son who had had many problems.

On Sunday night everyone gathered at the Church Building again for a Giant Celebration Service. Excitement was running high as soon as the people started gathering. It was as if they expected something great from God – and they did not leave disappointed. They would not allow us to sit in the pews; we had to sit on the platform, the place of honor. It was such a thrill for me to have the opportunity to preach to these people on this occasion. They are so open and receptive to what God is saying to the Church. I shared with them that this is a "Time of Divine Appointment" for Trinidad and the importance of not missing that appointment.

Brother John Parker and I flew out the next morning. The results only heaven will be able to reveal; but I left with a deep sense that I had experienced a "Divine Appointment" myself.

Jackie Wilson World Missions Home

The NC Conference and General World Missions Department have a second home to be used as a World Missions Home for itinerating missionaries. The Foundation For Good News, George Wilson – Director, has made available a three bedroom brick veneer home at 203 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC. The home has been named the Jackie Wilson Memorial World Missions Home.

Missionaries who are preparing to go to the field and on furlough will have access to the home rent-free. They will be responsible for their utilities. The Conference World Missions Director will supervise the home and take care of booking missionaries. The Director will be assisted by the pastor and members of the Clinton First Church.

Those who knew Jackie Wilson knew of her love and commitment to World Missions. She was a remarkable lady in her commitment to Christ and in her personal commitment to World Evangelism. Her commitments and influence will continue each time a new missionary family enters the home in order to prepare for the mission field. May her spirit of peace, tranquility, and inner resolve be found in the home and transferred to each missionary family.

Ron and Sharon Wooten (and family) will be the first family to make use of the facility. They will be using the home as base to itinerate to go to Kenya, Africa, hopefully by January 1995.

Jackie Wilson Memorial World Missions Home

Ron and Sharon Wooten

GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING REVIEW

Conference Goal – $120,000.00

"GO" Offering Sunday – July 10
(Prayer & Offering)

Offerings to be in Falcon by July 20

To Be Used For:

USA Evangelism – Pittsburgh, PA;
Boise, Idaho
Atlanta, GA; and others

World Missions – Pakistan, Hong Kong,
Russia, Missionary Accounts

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—January, February, March 1994

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1,658	0	835	0	627	600
Kinston First	650	0	328	0	321	236
Glad Tidings	375	0	305	0	173	124
Gospel Tabernacle	345	40	201	44	296	298
Mt. Olive WD	309	0	198	0	100	90
Stedman	245	0	187	0	160	183
The Capital	276	0	184	0	140	186
Greenville First	250	0	175	0	130	86
The First	360	0	171	0	0	0
Tarboro First	687	100	163	26	193	138
Shiloh WD	281	41	159	44	176	111
Harkers Island	302	0	158	0	105	82
Whitley	198	0	152	0	212	200
Lumberton	326	22	141	18	0	85
Mt. Carmel	318	0	141	0	174	89
Wilson First	302	0	122	0	97	72
Peniel	259	0	120	0	107	89
Evangel	419	14	117	11	234	94
Robersonville	178	3	114	3	132	103
Clinton	0	0	114	52	0	70
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	114	14	142	142
Pikes Crossroads	396	0	113	0	260	79
Eastside	121	77	111	33	0	0
Williamston	155	6	107	5	86	66
St. Pauls	125	57	107	21	125	83
Bethany	150	8	103	23	109	61
Bizzell Grove	160	40	103	42	95	33
Brentwood	116	0	100	0	128	115
Evangelistic Temple	210	0	98	0	140	91
Chadbourn	160	0	98	0	112	86
Belfast	146	0	97	0	80	70
Hope Mills	150	37	93	30	80	52
Millennium	186	41	91	46	90	63
Harvest Temple	178	65	89	31	110	47
Person Street	184	0	88	0	120	45
Wallace	140	0	81	0	41	45
Stantonsburg	175	0	78	0	109	56
Living Faith Fellowship	204	0	77	0	0	36
Roanoke Rapids	266	0	75	0	101	47
Midway	141	31	74	26	100	42
Mt. Olive	108	0	74	0	55	24
Roper	126	0	74	0	107	56
New Bern First	126	12	71	13	91	50
Rehoboth	137	0	70	0	60	32
Winter Park	0	0	70	0	0	0
St. John	135	0	69	0	34	44
St. Paul	127	0	69	0	80	50
Whiteville	185	0	69	0	118	55
Brocks Chapel	148	0	67	0	91	51
Tyndall Grove	85	0	66	0	44	22
Holly Hill	108	0	65	0	96	37
Ayden	64	0	65	0	0	0
Taylors Chapel	117	0	64	0	0	0
Ebenezer	120	0	64	0	110	41
Wilmington	142	0	63	0	142	24
Selma	84	0	59	0	0	0
Red Springs	249	0	58	0	0	0
Moores Chapel	101	0	58	0	58	30
Harvest Fellowship	128	0	57	0	0	0
Ahoskie	104	0	57	0	59	40
Sanford First	94	0	56	0	49	42
Shelmerdine	135	0	56	0	0	50
Spring Hope	79	0	56	0	72	54
Kenly	86	0	55	0	0	0
New Vision	45	0	55	0	28	23
Hollands Chapel	65	0	55	0	30	25
Hobgood	89	0	55	0	0	0
Thunderswamp	102	0	54	0	0	0
Grace Community	78	0	54	0	55	36
Gethsemane	154	0	54	0	48	27
Manleys Grove	120	0	53	0	0	0
Carson Memorial	78	0	53	0	65	40
Bethel	86	0	53	0	0	0
Westview	110	0	52	0	85	33
Graham Memorial	100	0	52	0	54	35
Trinity CD	129	0	52	0	55	31
Winterville	76	0	51	0	40	30

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Sharon	99	0	50	0	43	20
Tabernacle	74	0	50	0	74	32
St. Matthew	112	0	50	0	0	0
Thompson Chapel	104	0	49	0	59	32
Boardman	289	0	49	0	205	39
Bridgeton	71	0	48	0	0	0
Scotland Neck	68	73	48	84	34	40
Hamilton	78	0	47	0	0	0
Albritton	160	20	46	19	93	33
Trinity RMD	79	0	45	0	0	0
Westmoreland	108	26	45	22	65	25
Faith WD	72	48	45	48	9	8
Living Waters	72	15	44	16	89	36
Friendship WD	86	0	44	0	63	33
Jacksonville	60	0	44	0	43	36
Hodges Chapel	100	0	43	0	0	0
Thomas Chapel	125	0	43	0	67	19
Garland	57	0	42	0	0	0
Niagara	131	0	42	0	40	27
Christian Chapel	94	0	41	0	0	0
Faith GD	63	0	40	1	41	28
Warsaw	68	0	40	0	40	14
Elizabethtown	58	20	40	14	0	0
Benson	0	0	39	14	0	27
Sneads Ferry	101	0	39	0	36	36
Emmanuel	57	0	39	0	50	15
Liberty	40	0	39	0	0	0
Weldon	66	0	38	0	0	0
Vanceboro	50	0	38	0	0	0
Snow Hill	136	0	38	0	0	0
Heritage	52	0	38	0	27	33
Lyon Memorial	86	56	37	56	0	0
Oak Ridge	64	0	36	0	28	14
Shiloh FD	75	0	36	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	62	0	34	0	27	19
Abbottsburg	41	0	33	0	0	0
The Genesis	63	0	33	0	0	0
Bailey	57	0	32	0	44	15
Wades Point	65	0	31	0	0	0
Clayton	53	0	31	0	16	5
Jones Grove	72	0	31	0	0	0
Hopewell	33	0	31	0	0	0
Goose Creek	43	0	31	0	26	22
Lamm's Grove	61	0	30	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	102	0	30	0	0	0
Goshen	61	0	30	0	27	15
Washington	40	0	30	0	12	14
Lowland	38	0	29	0	28	18
Sims	56	0	26	0	0	0
New Hope	24	0	26	0	0	0
Crystal Coast	36	0	26	0	0	0
Alert	79	0	25	0	28	14
Alliance	46	0	24	0	43	18
Farmville	47	0	22	0	0	0
Grifton	88	0	22	0	45	21
Plymouth	36	0	20	0	0	0
Maranatha	24	0	20	0	0	0
Black Creek	38	0	19	0	0	0
Caraleigh	44	0	19	0	0	0
Calvary WD	0	0	16	0	0	0
New Life	27	0	15	0	0	0
Micro	19	0	15	0	0	0
Middlesex	17	0	14	0	0	0
Sonlight	15	0	14	0	15	13
Vicks Chapel	14	0	13	0	0	0
Belhaven	0	0	13	0	0	0
Missionary	0	0	12	0	0	0
Shekinah	0	0	11	0	0	0
Lighthouse	16	0	10	0	0	0
Windsor	11	12	8	5	0	0
Wakelon	18	0	8	0	0	0
Swanquarter	0	0	6	0	0	0
New Life Tabernacle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nakina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	19, 738	889	10,499	761	8,548	5,898
Count:	150		151		145	145

1994 National Youth Congress

Featured Youth Speaker Monday Night

Scott Smith

- Recent graduate of Emmanuel College
- Dynamic youth speaker
- Speaker for youth crusades, youth camps, youth revivals
- Currently in Graduate School

Featured Artist Thursday Evening

Ron David Moore

The music of Ron David Moore is as transparent as the man himself. He is a man that says what is on his mind. "With me, what you see is what you get," says Moore. After pursuing a successful song writing career and moving to Nashville to write country music, Ron re-dedicated his life to Jesus in 1989. Soon after his conversion he signed his first record deal with Warner Alliance and recorded such hits as "My House," "Who Have You Been Talking To," "Spiritual Storm," "Jesus Wept," and "There's Somebody Out there."

Featured Speaker National Youth Congress

Gregg Johnson

As National Youth Director of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Gregg Johnson directs a network of youth leaders, pastors, and workers throughout North America. A gifted speaker, writer, musician, and motivator, Gregg is at the centerpoint of a bold vision for an emerging generation of young people around the world. "It's God's vision for your young people," Gregg has said, "I'm simply serving His vision."

and... Youth Congress

New Heritage, U.S.A.
Ft. Mill, SC
August 1-5, 1994

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

94283 E
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION
UNC LIBRARY, WILSON 024 A
CHAPEL HILL NC
27599

C289.9
P42

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 49 | SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1994 | NUMBER 5

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5, 6

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent's Desk

I praise the Lord for all the good things that are happening among us this summer. The month of June began with the organization of the Smyrna Church "down east." Pastor Vance Harrell serves this growing infant congregation. The next two days were filled with the activities of Ministerial examinations. Those approved and licensed by the conference are:

Minister of Music License

Dallas Montague
Karen L. Newell

Minister of Christian Education License:

Dallas Montague

Local Minister License

Karen S. Barnhill
Timothy O. Bowen
Malcolm C. Burney
Timmy E. Coston
Berry M. House, Jr.
Timothy S. Leggett
Charles L. Long
James D. Moss
Marty D. Warren Selma Webb

The Following persons were ordained by the Conference in June:

Charles W. Boyd
James B. (Jack) Edmundson
Tony F. Hawley
Anthony D. (Tony) Ward
William A. Mayo, Jr.
Richard E. (Ricky) Nelms
Keith D. Rouse

The Women's Ministries Quadrennial Convention was on Saturday, June 4. The ladies elected the following:

Linda Thomas, President
Sue Parker, Vice President
Patsy Deese, Secretary–Treasurer
Phyllis Harrell, Board Member
Janice Marshburn, Board Member

The Quadrennial Conference on Thursday, June 9 and 10 elected the Conference Board as follows:

T. Elwood Long, Superintendent
D. Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent
R. Gary Strickland, Secretary–Treasurer
Roland Harrell, Board Member
Elton Bryan, Board Member
Danny Nelson, Board Member
David Wheeler, Board Member

Other elected personnel are:

New members on the Ministerial Licensing Examining Committee are– Frank Gentry and David Butts. They will serve four years.

The Christian Education Quadrennial Convention we conducted on Saturday, June 11. The following were elected to serve on the Christian Education Board:

Bobby Forehand, Director
Rose Boyd, Assistant Director
W. A. Mills, Secretary–Treasurer
Charles Boyd
Willis Pearson
Randall Strickland

District Evangelism Directors

Clinton	Jimmy Swinson
Fayetteville	Ken Milliken
Goldsboro	Dwight Dunning
Greenville	Frank Gentry
Lumberton	Tim Creel
Morehead City	Vance Harrell

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Bill Roberson.....**Men's Fellowship**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (USPS 179-920) is published Bi-monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ...**Assistant Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

New Bern	Rudolph Britt
Raleigh	William O'Neal
Rocky Mount	Bruce Avery
Williamston	Noah Barefoot, Jr.
Wilmington	Danny Harris
Wilson	Mike Capps

The Conference Missions Committee is now composed of:

T. Elwood Long, Superintendent
D. Chris Thompson, Director
Sue Parker, Representative from Women's Ministries Board
W. A. Wills, Representative from Christian Education Board
M. D. Brinson, Representative from Men's Ministries

The Minister's and Spouse Retreat Committee is composed of:

David and Faye Wheeler (He is chairman)
Randall and June Strickland
Allen and Debbie Mayo

The Conference Board members have accepted the portfolio assignments. They are as follows:

Assist the Superintendent in development and care of campus facilities–Elton Bryan

Assist the Superintendent with Continuing Education; liaison with Men's and Women's Ministries–Roland Harrell

WIN Director–Danny Nelson

Public Relations Director–Chris Thompson

Ministers and Spouse Retreat Chairman and assist the Superintendent with pastoral care–David Wheeler

The selection of a director of stewardship and development officer is being considered. His job description and portfolio are now being developed by the Conference Board.

We owe so much to those who have rotated out of office. So many of them gave themselves unreservedly to the task of conference leadership assignments. They are still in leadership roles, and we need their advice and counsel so often and so necessarily. My hat is off to them!

Our tasks are many and the challenge is great. Our God, who is our source, is greater than either the task of challenge. We will go forth, take necessary risks and conquer the territory our Commander-in-Chief, the Lord of Glory, has given us.

These newly licensed and ordained ministers and elected or appointed conference leaders deserve and need your prayerful and participating support.

Touching lives in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord is the urgency of this hour. We must acquaint the unredeemed with our Lord with every possible means and method. We must plant new church locations while we seek the Sovereign of the universe for a church disturbing, community-changing, Holy Ghost filled revival in established congregations. We have mandate from the Lord, and we dare not fail to fulfill our obligation to the Great Commission

Dare to take that leap of faith and I believe we will land right in the center of His Word and Will!

The months of June and July included:

–Preaching and the dedication of a beautiful commodious Family Life Center at the Ahoskie Church.

–Preaching and note burning with regard to the indebtedness on the lovely fellowship building at Wades Point.

–I taught Sunday School at Mrs. Ruth Jones adult class at Greenville First and officiated at a beautiful tree planting ceremony in honor of departing Pastor and Mrs. Frank Gentry. It was a gracious tribute indeed.

–The Falcon Campmeeting was a powerful event and will go down in our minds as one of the greatest of this event. Speakers, Reverends Doyle Marley and Terry Trammel and the superannuated ministers who spoke were at their best.

–Other churches at which I spoke and enjoyed being with our people were: Cricket Ridge Christian Assembly (Mt. Olive), Peniel, Emmanuel, Tyndall Grove, Harvest Fellowship, Living Waters, Winterville, and Wilson First. One of the great joys of this ministry is to visit the conference churches.

Recent Pastoral Assignments

Jones Grove–Tony Hawley
Sharon–R. Paul Jackson
Siloh (FD)–Hubert Sapp
Williamston First–W. A. Mills
Wilmington First–William Wooten
Bizzell Grove–Dwight Dunning
Moore's Chapel–Mike Capps
Maranatha (Beaufort)–Marty Warren
Roper–John Larry Hinson
Westview–Samuel Weaver, Sr.
Mount Olive First–Jimmy C. Williams
Smyrna (new church)–Vance Harrell
Harkers Island–Clayton Guthrie, interim
St. Matthew–Wyatt Quinn
Wallace–Tommy McLaurin
Bethel–Frank Gentry
Living Water–Ray Faircloth
Winterville–Bobby Howard
St. Paul's First–Paul Edwards
Emmanuel–Frank Elliott
(Emmanuel and Caraleigh merged)
Farmville–Tim Leggett
Wilson First–P. L. Loftin
Washington–Vince Moore
Albritton–W. B. Satterfield

Other Ministerial Changes

–Mrs. Belinda Cruse has transferred to the Assembly of God.

–Roy Bowling has withdrawn from the conference.

–Michael Carter has been reinstated to conference ministerial membership.

–Preston Lane of Saratoga has been received into the conference from Cricket Ridge Christian Assembly.

–Kelly Clarke has transferred to us from the Sonshine (Fla.) Conference. He serves as an associate at Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn.

–Luis H. Manriquez, our first Hispanic ministerial conference member, came to us from the Southern Baptist Church. He serves as minister to a newly developing Hispanic church at Evangel (Fuquay Varina).

TEL

CHURCH NEWS

Wilson District News

The Wilson District held its third Fifth Sunday Night Unity Service on Sunday, July 31 at 6:00 p.m. at the Stantsonsburg Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Spirit of the Lord was present from the very beginning as host pastor Rev. Sidney Webb welcomed the congregation of approximately 210 people.

Rev. Emmitt Turner delivered a powerful sermon on the Second Coming of Jesus. The service closed with a time of prayer around the altar. Following the service, refreshments, provided by the Stantonsburg ladies, were enjoyed in the church fellowship hall.

Churches represented were Moore's Chapel, Westmoreland, Friendship, Lamm's Grove, Wilson First, Shiloh, Thompson Chapel, and Stantonsburg. The churches of the Wilson District have really enjoyed coming together for a time of worship and fellowship. There is a greater spirit of unity among the churches, and God is blessing these meetings. The next joint service is scheduled for October 30.

Oris Hubbard
Wilson District Secretary

Superannuated Birthdays For September and October

Rev. Willie M. Cordon.....September 1
Rev. Garland A. Murray.....September 5
Rev. Vernon K. Clark.....September 6
Rev. Roy O. Williams.....September 11
Rev. N. Doner Lucas.....September 13
Rev. Johnie Pollard.....September 13
Rev. Ralph Jernigan.....September 15
Rev. Hartwell Stewart.....September 21
Rev. Lester C. Ormond.....September 23
Rev. Melvin Narron.....September 26

Rev. Doner Lee.....October 2
Rev. W. A. Crawford.....October 3
Rev. Thomas Conway.....October 14
Rev. Linwood Manning.....October 15
Rev. Clifton Turpin.....October 27
Rev. Ethel Bailey.....October 29
Rev. Louise Smith.....October 31
Rev. Frank R. Moore.....October 31

The North Carolina Conference Announces Available for Service Rev. Barry J. Bryan

Brother Bryan recently transferred from the Upper South Carolina Conference to the North Carolina Conference as an ordained minister.

He and his wife Kimberly and daughter Brittany reside in Lumberton and attend the Lumberton First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Brother Bryan is a graduate of Holmes College of the Bible with a Bachelor of Science degree in English Bible. He has a credited degree from Christian Life College of Theology and is working toward his masters in Theology.

He feels at this point in his life his calling is to evangelize.

You may contact Brother Bryan at 1308 Eisenhower Street, Lumberton, NC 28358 or by phone (910) 738-2600.

Available for Service

Rev. Ann Baines is an ordained evangelist in the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Rev. Baines is anointed of God to preach the gospel and ministers in the spirit of Isaiah 61:1. Rev. Baines is a member of Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount, NC, and is highly recommended by her pastor W. David Butts. For further information call Rev. Ann Baines at (919) 443-5339, or write to 2815 West Mount Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803. Also you may call Pastor W. David Butts at (919) 937-2999 or write to P. O. Box 7725, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

We Love You Pastor

Special Features:
- *Large Color Poster for the Church*
- *All -New complete 42-page Planning Guide*
- *How to Honer the Pastor's Family*
- *Sample order of service, sermons, pledges and mailings*

1994 Gift Items:
- *Pastor's Sermon Holder (zippered case)*
- *Bible Study PC Software*
- *3-Volume set of Illustrations*
- *New Devotional Commentary*
- *Partable Communion Set*
- *Many more special gift items*

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

All New Materials for 1994!

order our comprehensive Pastor Appreciation Day packet today, and bless your pastor!

$10.95 Postage Paid

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Mail to:
Pastor Appreciation Program
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307
(Payment MUST accompany order)
VISA/MasterCard Accepted
Phone 910-323-4777
Fax 910-323-8700

July 25, 1994

Rev. T. E. Long, Supt.
North Carolina Conference
Falcon, NC

Dear Brother Long:

I was having a physical problem early this year and because of the problem I had to curtail my speaking engagements. I made an appointment with my family doctor. He made tests and x-rays. Their diagnosis caused them to send me to a specialist in pulmonary problems. The specialist sent me to the hospital for more x-rays. Fluid was found in the pleura which is a membrane that covers the lungs. The fluid was removed and sent to a pathologist. The report came back negative. No sign of any malignancy. No viral or bacterial infection.

My family doctor requested that I see him after being treated by the specialist. I went back to him and his nurse said to me, "Mr. Hood, we are so happy to hear about the negative report; I believe that you had a Divine Intervention." She stated that the office staff were very concerned about my problem and the reason being my doctor had treated my brother with the same problem and they found a cancer in the left lung and he passed away a few months later.

I have been back to the specialist for two follow-up visits and the pleura and the lung are clear, no sign of any problem. I am preaching again without any chest discomfort.

Before going to the specialist my pastor and congregation anointed me and others were praying for me and God answered prayer. It is good to feel good again. I can say with the Apostle Paul, I am ready to preach the gospel.

A Brother in Christ,
R. N. Hood

District Conference Workshops

All credentialed ministers, including mission workers and all local church boards and committees need to be present.

DISTRICT	LOCATION	PASTOR	DATE
Clinton	Sharon	Paul Jackson	Tuesday, August 30
Morehead City	Graham Mem.	Guy Prosper	Thursday, September 1
Goldsboro	Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	Tuesday, September 6
Lumberton	Chadbourn	Jim Skinner	Monday, September 12
Fayetteville	Grace Community	Ronnie Gurganus	Tuesday, September 13
New Bern	Heritage	Rudolph Britt	Thursday, September 15
Raleigh	Emmanuel	Frank Elliott	Monday, September 19
Rocky Mount	Brentwood	Julian Thompson	Tuesday, September 20
Greenville	St. Paul	Randal Reece	Thursday, September 22
Wilmington	Wilmington First	W. M. Wooten	Monday, September 26
Wilson	Westmoreland	Oris Hubbard	Tuesday, September 27
Williamston	Bethany	Phillip Bland	Thursday, September 29

Each session begins at 7:30 p.m.

Remember! THE FEAST OF INGATHERING for our church schools will be received from the Women's Ministries of each local church.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

NCWM Convention

June 4, 1994, was a Day of Celebration as the North Carolina Women observed their fiftieth anniversary. The ladies present sang, "Celebration Song" as the new NCWM Banner was brought in leading the processional of Past NCWM Presidents. A highlight of the day was the introduction and presentation of Mrs. Clara Williams, Mrs. Jean Williams, Mrs. Dollie Davenport, Mrs. Sue Parker, and Mrs. Faye Leggett as their role in the history of NCWM was spotlighted. Those deceased past presidents were also mentioned and remembered. They were Mrs. Lila Berry (Founder), Mrs. Ethel Strickland, Mrs. Ethel Morris, Mrs. Eugenia McCartney, Mrs. Polly Thompson, and Mrs. Margaret Russell.

Mrs. Lila Berry's daughter-in-law, Hazel Berry, gave a beautiful presentation in which she made Mrs. Lila seem to come to life for those who attended. An excerpt from her talk follows: "The Lila Berry I knew had three great loves in her life–her God, her church, and her family. And her entire life revolved around these three. From my first association and involvement with the Berry family, about 50 years ago, I clearly understood that the Lord Jesus Christ occupied center stage in her life."

Music for the day was presented by the daughters of Mrs. Ethel Morris and the daughters and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Margaret Russell. Mrs. Faye Leggett, presiding officer, spoke on the "Year of Jubilee."

The business session included the "STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES" report which was given by Mary Belle Johnson. She shared her sentiments regarding her years of service to NCWM and quoted Isaiah 55:12: "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..."

Officers were elected for the 1994–1998 quadrennium as follows: President–Linda M. Thomas; Vice President–Sue Parker; Secretary/Treasurer–Patsy Deese; Board Members–Phyllis Harrell and Janice Marshburn.

Mary Belle was honored as outgoing president with several gifts. She received more than $3,000 in love gifts from the women of NCWM.

The day culminated with lunch being served in the cafeteria. A beautiful anniversary cake was the focal point and dessert as the ladies present came to the end of a special DAY OF CELEBRATION.

NCWM District Directors Assigned

Clinton–Joyce Swinson
Fayetteville–Patsy Payne
Goldsboro–Justine Lee
Greenville–Ruth Jones
Lumberton–Leota Ward
Morehead City–Charlene Strong
New Bern–Donna Long
Raleigh–Mesheldar Richardson
Rocky Mount–Sandy Borrell
Williamston–Linda Askew
Wilmington–Teresa Bradshaw
Wilson–Rose Hubbard

Conference WM Historian–Dorothy Boyette
Conference MWF Director–Sylvia Long

MARY BELLE SAYS..."You made me feel extra special with your extra-special expressions of love."

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD being installed. Linda Thomas, President; Sue Parker, Vice-President; Patsy Deese, Secretary/Treasurer; Phyllis Harrell and Janice Marshburn, Board Members.

Dates to Remember

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING due to Patsy by September 1.
FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERING–take to your District Conference in September or mail to Patsy by September 20.
FEAST OF INGATHERING at Emmanuel College on October 3, 1994.
SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING–October 6, 11:00 a.m. at Holt's restaurant and Carolina Pottery. (Information to be mailed to Presidents)
COUPLES RETREAT in New Bern is October 14-16, 1994.
GEMS LTC in Falcon is October 28 and 29, 1994.
HARVEST TRAIN is November 22, 1994.

GEMS

CELEBRATING LIFE WITH CHRIST was the theme for the 1994 GEMS Retreat and Convention. Over 463 sponsors and girls gathered on the Falcon grounds on Friday, May 6, to begin the planned activities. During the Business Session, the following awards were presented:

GEMS OF THE YEAR: Young Creation–Carmen Fussell of Tarboro First; G'ette–Nicole Berger of Evangel; Alpha–Phyllis Taylor of Tarboro; Beta–Dana Montague of Tarboro; PARS–Marsha O'Neal of Evangel.

STANDARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: 100%–Albritton, Chadbourn, Evangel, Harvest Temple, Holly Hill, Jacksonville, Living Waters, Mt. Olive, Moores Chapel, New Bern, Niagara, Reelsboro, Robertsonville, Sanford First, Tarboro First, Winter Park; 90%–Friendship (Wilson), Peniel, Westmoreland; 80%–Friendship (Aurora), Harvest Fellowship, Maranatha, Westview; 70%–Ahoskie, Graham Memorial.

FIRST PLACE AWARDS: Feast of Ingathering Offering–New Bern First; Missions Offering–Evangel; GEMS Day Offering–Holly Hill; Children's Home Offering–Living Waters; Blanche L. King Offering–New Bern First; ARA Offering–Chadbourn.

We would like to thank each GEMS group for helping make this one of the greatest GEMS Convention/Retreats in the history of this GEMS Board. We have enjoyed working with each of you, and we thank you for allowing us to serve you. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication, and we pray God's richest blessings as you continue working in your local GEMS to build His Kingdom.

In His Love, Karan, Sarah, and Patsy

GEMS Board Appointed

President–Sandra M. McCandless
Vice President–Ruth Foley
Secretary/Treasurer–Sarah Fuquay
Historian–Elaine Stalls

OOPS!

WILMINGTON FIRST WM...was mistakenly omitted in the Awards Section of the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WM report. However, they did earn their plaque for having received the Certificate of Excellence for four consecutive years. Congratulations, and our apologies.

'equested
: at their
New Life
:t" Pente-

rs ago to
:h a min-
ed a few
ınd Ruth
The Lord

ed in one
›an areas
abound.
'e former

nting the
piscopal
› for sale
ıf intense
ınd Ruth
k congre-
eople are
g to raise

meeting
s for the
IIRACLE
regular
and ear-
:ount for
We would
However,
ney must

ılly work-

›.00 (cash
ISE THE
churches

have not yet responded. Money may be received through November at the Conference Office to count in the 1994 offering. The money is needed to enter the open doors of Pakistan, Russia, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, etc.

Hispanic Church

The Evangel Church, Pastor William O'Neal, has begun an Hispanic Church with Rev. Luis Manriquez. They are averaging 15 to 20 per Sunday. Praise the Lord for this new work.

Cuba Para Cristo!

by Rev. Charles Gentry

On April 19, 1994, I was joined in Miami, Florida by four Pentecostal Holiness Church brethren to enter the forbidden land of Cuba. Joe McGraw of Hutchinson, Alabama; Quintin Moore and Mario Gutierrez (our interpreter) of Wichita, Kansas; Bob Cave of Port Au Prince, Haiti; and I were led by the Holy Spirit to undertake this short missionary adventure for the cause of Christ. This land which had been closed to us for thirty-five years was now permitting us to come and preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Havana we found a city of two million desperate people impoverished by years of isolation and separation. We found not only hunger for physical food, but a hunger for spiritual food as well. Our Pentecostal Holiness Church in Havana was in the process of relocation. In a land where virtually all construction has stopped because of a lack of supplies, this challenge seemed impossible. However, the construction was well under way when we visited the site, and we witnessed first-hand the miraculous supply of God. In fact, the people of the neighborhood in which the church was relocated were coming to the services because they knew only God could have provided the needed materials. Our group was apprised of the need for $1,600.00 to complete the project. As we prayed, we sensed the move of God and pledged to carry this need back to the people of our church in America. I know that God will supply!

The bulk of our visit was in the city of Bayamo, 800 miles south of Havava. There, we taught in a youth convention in which the theme was *Cuba Para Cristo*. Translated to English this means, *Cuba for Christ*.

(continued on page 8)

NCWM Convention

June 4, 1994, was a Day of Celebration as the North Carolina Women observed their fiftieth anniversary. The ladies present sang, "Celebration Song" as the new NCWM Banner was brought in leading the processional of Past NCWM Presidents. A highlight of the day was the introduction and presentation of Mrs. Clara Williams, Mrs. Jean Williams, Mrs. Dollie Davenport, Mrs. Sue Parker, and Mrs. Faye Leggett as their role in the history of NCWM was spotlighted. Those deceased past presidents were also mentioned and remembered. They were Mrs. Lila Berry (Founder), Mrs. Ethel Strickland, Mrs. Ethel Morris, Mrs. Eugenia McCartney, Mrs. Polly Thompson, and Mrs. Margaret Russell.

Mrs. Lila Berry's daughter-in-law, Hazel Berry, gave a beautiful presentation in which she made Mrs. Lila seem to come to life for those who attended. An excerpt from her talk follows: "The Lila Berry I knew had three great loves in her life–her God, her church, and her family. And her entire life revolved around these three. From my first association and involvement with the Berry family, about 50 years ago, I clearly understood that the Lord Jesus Christ occupied center stage in her life."

Music for the day was presented by the daughters of Mrs. Ethel Morris and the daughters and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Margaret Russell. Mrs. Faye Leggett, presiding officer, spoke on the "Year of Jubilee."

The business session included the "STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES" report which was given by Mary Belle Johnson. She shared her sentiments regarding her years of service to NCWM and quoted Isaiah 55:12: "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..."

Officers were elected for the 1994–1998 quadrennium as follows: President–Linda M. Thomas; Vice President–Sue Parker; Secretary/Treasurer–Patsy Deese; Board Members–Phyllis Harrell and Janice Marshburn.

Mary Belle was honored as outgoing president with several gifts. She received more than $3,000 in love gifts from the women of NCWM.

The day culminated with lunch being served in the cafeteria. A beautiful anniversary cake was the focal point and dessert as the ladies present came to the end of a special DAY OF CELEBRATION.

NCWM District Directors Assign

Clinton–Joyce Swinson
Fayetteville–Patsy Payne
Goldsboro–Justine Lee
Greenville–Ruth Jones
Lumberton–Leota Ward
Morehead City–Charlene Strong
New Bern–Donna Long
Raleigh–Mesheldar Richardson
Rocky Mount–Sandy Borrell
Williamston–Linda Askew
Wilmington–Teresa Bradshaw
Wilson–Rose Hubbard

Conference WM Historian–Dorothy B
Conference MWF Director–Sylvia Lo

MARY BELLE SAYS..."You made me feel special with your extra-special expressions

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD being installe Thomas, President; Sue Parker, Vice-Presi Patsy Deese, Secretary/Treasurer; Phyllis and Janice Marshburn, Board Members.

Dates to Remembe

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERIN to Patsy by September 1.

FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERING to your District Conference September or mail to Patsy September 20.

FEAST OF INGATHERING at Emma College on October 3, 1994.

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING–Octob 11:00 a.m. at Holt's restaur and Carolina Pottery. (Info tion to be mailed to Preside

COUPLES RETREAT in New Bern i October 14-16, 1994.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

New York City Project
Red Hook
New Life Center

The General Evangelism Department had requested the Conferences to receive a special offering at their annual Global Outreach Rallies for Red Hook New Life Center. Red Hook New Life Center is our "first" Pentecostal Holiness Church in New York City.

Randy and Ruth Johnson were led six years ago to New York to plant a church. They began with a ministry to children. The church was organized a few months ago with 94 in attendance. Randy and Ruth have labored faithfully and sacrificed greatly. The Lord has provided miracle after miracle.

The Red Hook congregation has been birthed in one of the most depressed and crime infested urban areas of the United States. Crime and drug abuse abound. Many of the adult members of the church are former drug addicts, etc.

For six years Randy and Ruth have been renting the basement of the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church recently closed. The building went up for sale at $400,000.00 plus. After a couple of years of intense praying, the building was offered to Randy and Ruth for $200,000.00. Praise the Lord! The Red Hook congregation is very limited in budget. Many of the people are on welfare. The General Church is endeavoring to raise the funds.

At the Global Outreach Rally at camp meeting $56,767.94 was received in cash and pledges for the building. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THIS MIRACLE AMOUNT. Money should be sent through regular channels (local church, Conference, etc.) and earmarked Red Hook Building Project. Funds count for credit for Evangelism/World Missions giving. We would like to have all the funds in by the year's end. However, we do have until next June before all the money must be in.

God is at work among our people. By faithfully working together, we can accomplish great things.

Praise Reports

The 1994 "GO" Offering stands at $122,000.00 (cash and pledges). The goal was $120,000.00. PRAISE THE LORD FOR REACHING THE GOAL. Several churches have not yet responded. Money may be received through November at the Conference Office to count in the 1994 offering. The money is needed to enter the open doors of Pakistan, Russia, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, etc.

Hispanic Church

The Evangel Church, Pastor William O'Neal, has begun an Hispanic Church with Rev. Luis Manriquez. They are averaging 15 to 20 per Sunday. Praise the Lord for this new work.

Cuba Para Cristo!

by Rev. Charles Gentry

On April 19, 1994, I was joined in Miami, Florida by four Pentecostal Holiness Church brethren to enter the forbidden land of Cuba. Joe McGraw of Hutchinson, Alabama; Quintin Moore and Mario Gutierrez (our interpreter) of Wichita, Kansas; Bob Cave of Port Au Prince, Haiti; and I were led by the Holy Spirit to undertake this short missionary adventure for the cause of Christ. This land which had been closed to us for thirty-five years was now permitting us to come and preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Havana we found a city of two million desperate people impoverished by years of isolation and separation. We found not only hunger for physical food, but a hunger for spiritual food as well. Our Pentecostal Holiness Church in Havana was in the process of relocation. In a land where virtually all construction has stopped because of a lack of supplies, this challenge seemed impossible. However, the construction was well under way when we visited the site, and we witnessed first-hand the miraculous supply of God. In fact, the people of the neighborhood in which the church was relocated were coming to the services because they knew only God could have provided the needed materials. Our group was apprised of the need for $1,600.00 to complete the project. As we prayed, we sensed the move of God and pledged to carry this need back to the people of our church in America. I know that God will supply!

The bulk of our visit was in the city of Bayamo, 800 miles south of Havava. There, we taught in a youth convention in which the theme was *Cuba Para Cristo.* Translated to English this means, *Cuba for Christ.*

(continued on page 8)

(continued from page 7)

What we witnessed in those five days can only be described as another Azusa Street revival, only this time in Cuba. The revival was led by the youth. Teenagers were actively involved in powerful and anointed ministry. Prophecy, tongues, interpretations, words of wisdom and words of knowledge were the normal experiences at each of the three services held each day. A church capable of holding 75 or 100 people was jammed with over 300 in each service. Folks, revival has come to Cuba!

Currently, the Cuban government does not recognize house churches. If this law were changed, 2,000 new churches would open immediately! The Bayamo church in which we were meeting had 23 people on Christmas Day, 1985. A revival erupted and 3 young people were saved. By May of 1986 (just five months), the church at Bayamo grew from 23 to 141 people! Now this church has outgrown its facilities and desperately needs to be expanded. To do this they will need to purchase the apartments on either side of the church building, knock out the wall and remodel. The total cost of the project is $12,000. With the renovation, many people can be reached by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Today, there are 2,000 Pentecostal Holiness believers meeting in 20 churches and 40 house churches across Cuba. Of the ten million Cuban citizens, 1.5 million are reported to be evangelical Christians. Folks, the revival in Cuba is on. Workers are needed to reap this harvest. Won't you be involved? Funds may be sent through regular channels and earmarked Cuba. They will be dispensed by Rev. Elvio Canavesio and the World Missions Department.

I plan to return to Cuba again in the near future. It is my desire to return with the report that their American Pentecostal Holiness brethren are supporting Cuba's revival with prayer and finances. The average monthly salary of a Cuban family is $1.20 in American money. Yet, these spirited and gifted people are on fire for Jesus Christ. I challenge you to respond with your heart, your head, and your pocket book! If you would like to know more about the Cuban project, please call me at 919-242-5066 or 919-736-7988. I would be more than happy to share with your church or group about Cuba.

North Carolina Conference Evangelism and World Missions Personnel

District Directors and Evangelism Board

Clinton District	Jimmy Swinson
Fayetteville District	Ken Milliken
Goldsboro District	Dwight Dunning
Greenville District	Frank Gentry
Lumberton District	Tim Creel
Morehead City District	Vance Harrell
New Bern District	Rudolph Britt
Raleigh District	William O'Neal
Rocky Mount District	Bruce Avery
Williamston District	Noah Barefoot, Jr. (secretary)
Wilmington District	Danny Harris
Wilson District	Mike Capps

World Missions Committee

WM Representative	Sue Parker (secretary)
CE Representative	W. A. Mills
Evangelism Representative	Noah Barefoot, Jr.
Men's Ministries Representative	M. D. Brinson
Pastoral Representative	John Hedgepeth
Lay Representative	Frances Hollingsworth
Advisory Members	Raymond Potter
	Linda Thomas
	Bobby Forehand

Unit Personnel

Clinton District
Secretary–Jack Edmudson
Pastor–Hill Teachey
Layman–Donnie Faircloth

Fayetteville District
Secretary–Richard Robinson
Pastor–Dallas Gurganus
Layman–Bud Faircloth

Goldsboro District
Secretary–Charles Gentry
Pastor–Berry House
Layman–Jack Boyette

Greenville District
Secretary–Randal Reese
Pastor–Merrill Davis
Layman–Charlie Harris

Lumberton District
Secretary–Jim Skinner
Pastor–H. Ray Ward
Layman–Buck Terry

Morehead City District
Secretary–Marty Warren
Pastor–Maurice Phelps
Layman–Anthony Nelson

New Bern District
Secretary–Greg Long
Pastor–William Sanders
Layman–Allen Mercer

Raleigh District
Secretary–Sam Weaver, Jr.
Pastor–Frank Elliott
Layman–Kevin Arthur

Rocky Mount District
Secretary–Reuben Mosley
Pastor–Fred Jones
Layman–Plummer Leonard

Williamston District
Secretary–Phillip Bland
Pastor–Linwood Conner
Layman–Keith Lee

Wilmington District
Secretary–Jay Young
Pastor–Tommy McLaurin
Layman–H. P. Williamson

Wilson District
Secretary–Oris Hubbard
Pastor–Sidney Webb
Layman–Glen Davis

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—April, May, June 1994

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll-ment	YM Avg Attd
Glad Tidings	488	0	425	0	173	118
Kinston First	658	0	314	0	321	230
Mt. Olive WD	309	0	195	0	100	92
Gospel Tabernacle	348	40	186	31	296	261
The Capital	349	0	176	0	140	183
Tarboro First	214	25	172	22	193	140
The First	288	0	167	0	0	0
Geenville First	255	0	161	0	130	90
Stedman	245	0	160	0	160	162
Shiloh WD	281	31	153	39	176	105
Harkers Island	125	0	148	0	105	54
Whitley	269	0	146	0	212	160
Lumberton	326	22	139	20	160	77
Mt. Carmel	318	0	137	0	176	101
Wilson First	302	0	123	0	97	63
Peniel	259	0	113	0	107	71
Evangel	419	14	111	10	234	98
Robersonville	180	3	111	3	134	89
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	109	15	142	141
Bizzell Grove	160	40	107	69	95	31
Pikes Crossroads	396	0	107	0	260	70
Chadbourn	197	0	107	0	154	87
Millennium	186	35	106	41	90	48
Brentwood	116	0	105	0	128	121
Eastside	121	77	105	31	0	0
Clinton	257	52	104	52	157	61
Williamston	155	6	104	8	86	63
Smyrna	102	0	102	0	69	69
St. Paul's	125	57	98	12	125	86
Harvest Temple	176	65	95	48	110	48
Hope Mills	150	30	93	33	80	41
Belfast	146	0	91	0	80	78
Roanoke Rapids	166	0	83	0	101	50
Bethany	150	8	83	0	109	58
Evangelistic Temple	210	0	80	0	140	83
Roper	126	0	77	0	107	58
St. Paul	130	0	76	0	85	60
Living Faith Fell.	204	0	75	0	35	36
Stantonsburg	177	0	74	0	109	46
Baywood	184	0	73	0	120	40
Harvest Fellowship	128	0	72	0	0	0
Rehoboth	135	0	71	0	60	34
St. John	135	0	71	0	34	36
Wallace	152	0	70	0	41	34
Midway	141	0	70	0	105	36
Mt. Olive	108	0	70	0	55	23
Whiteville	185	0	65	0	118	59
Winter Park	71	0	64	0	0	0
Selma	80	0	63	0	0	0
Tyndall Grove	85	0	62	0	44	21
Moores Chapel	102	0	61	0	60	30
Benson	123	20	60	22	50	39
Brocks Chapel	148	0	60	0	91	47
Hobgood	89	0	60	0	0	0
Thompson Chapel	104	0	60	0	59	34
Taylors Chapel	118	0	60	0	0	0
Shelmerdine	141	0	59	0	0	39
Ebenezer	120	0	59	0	110	43
Spring Hope	84	0	58	0	74	56
Holly Hill	108	0	58	0	96	30
New Bern First	126	12	57	16	91	56
Hollands Chapel	65	0	57	0	30	26
Wilmington	142	0	57	0	142	24
Graham Memorial	100	0	56	0	54	34
Grace Community	78	0	56	0	55	41
Carson Memorial	78	0	56	0	65	44
New Vision	55	0	55	0	36	29
Red Springs	187	0	54	0	0	0
Ahoskie	104	0	54	0	59	33
Gethsemane	154	0	54	0	48	27
Hamilton	79	0	53	0	0	0
Thunderswamp	102	0	53	0	0	0
Trinity RMD	79	0	52	0	0	0
Sanford First	94	0	51	0	49	43
Sharon	99	0	51	0	43	20
Kenly	87	0	50	0	0	0
Winterville	71	0	49	0	0	0
Scotland Neck	71	73	49	41	0	0
Trinity CD	130	0	49	0	50	28
Bethel	88	0	49	0	0	0
Manleys Grove	120	0	49	0	0	0
Bridgeton	72	0	49	0	0	0
Tabernacle	68	0	18	0	68	35
Warsaw	68	0	18	0	40	12
Elizabethtown	63	20	47	12	0	0
Thomas Chapel	124	0	47	0	66	19
Westview	110	0	46	0	82	33
Friendship WD	87	0	46	0	64	34
Boardman	289	0	45	0	205	23
Jacksonville	62	0	44	0	46	42
Ayden	61	0	44	0	0	0
Living Waters	73	10	44	11	89	35
Niagara	134	0	43	0	40	29
Snow Hill	139	0	42	0	0	0
St. Matthew	92	0	42	0	0	0
Albritton	160	20	42	16	93	26
Westmoreland	110	26	42	16	68	28
Hodges Chapel	77	0	41	0	0	0
Garland	56	0	41	0	0	0
Faith GD	63	0	41	0	41	32
Weldon	66	0	38	0	0	0
Heritage	52	0	38	0	27	41
Emmanuel	61	0	38	0	50	12
Sneads Ferry	101	0	37	0	40	28
Missionary	37	0	37	0	0	0
Clayton	54	0	37	0	16	4
Faith WD	57	48	36	42	9	8
Goshen	66	0	35	0	27	20
Vanceboro	41	0	35	0	0	0
Shiloh FD	75	0	35	0	0	0
Lowland	38	0	34	0	28	19
Liberty	45	0	34	0	0	0
The Genesis	57	0	34	0	0	0
Lyon Memorial	86	56	33	38	0	0
Shekinah	40	0	33	0	0	0
Christian Chapel	94	0	33	0	0	0
Bailey	62	0	33	0	44	22
Abbotsburg	41	0	32	0	0	0
Jones Grove	72	0	32	0	0	0
Wades Point	65	0	32	0	0	0
Hopewell	33	0	31	0	30	30
Sims	63	0	31	0	0	0
Oak Ridge	64	0	31	0	28	14
Friendship NBD	52	0	29	0	27	19
Vaughans Chapel	105	0	28	0	0	0
Lamm's Grove	61	0	28	0	0	0
Goose Creek	43	0	27	0	26	16
Washington	40	0	27	0	0	0
New Hope	24	0	26	0	0	0
Alliance	46	0	26	0	46	15
Alert	78	0	24	0	28	15
Black Creek	40	0	24	0	0	0
Crystal Coast	36	0	24	0	0	0
Maranatha	27	0	24	0	0	0
Farmville	47	0	23	0	0	0
Caraleigh	44	0	23	0	0	0
Grifton	88	0	21	0	45	19
Plymouth	36	0	21	0	0	0
Calvary WD	19	0	19	0	0	0
Middlesex	25	0	19	0	0	0
Sonlight	15	0	19	0	15	14
New Life	31	0	19	0	0	0
Warrenton	30	0	19	0	18	14
Belhaven	13	0	13	0	0	0
Micro	19	0	13	0	0	0
Vicks Chapel	15	0	12	0	0	0
Lighthouse	17	0	11	0	0	0
Wakelon	18	0	8	0	0	0
Windsor	11	12	8	9	0	0
Penderlea	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life Tabernacle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nakina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	18,182	807	9,681	655	8,301	5,054
Count:	151		151		143	143

CONGRATULATIONS!

1994 NATIONAL
BIBLE QUIZ WINNER
DIVISION II
CULBRETH MEMORIAL
PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

Team members are from left to right: Elicha Lucas, Joanna Lucas, Sara Lucas, and Heather Daniels. Seated is their coach, Faye Guin.
(This is the second year in a row that the Culbreth Memorial Church has won Nationals in Division II. Heather Daniels is the only member that was a part of both teams.)

1994 TRAIL RANGER OF THE YEAR
1st RUNNER UP
SHANE STRICKLAND

Outpost #87, Stedman Pentecostal Holiness Church
(Shane is being congratulated by National Commander, Rev. Bobby Forehand.)

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

94283 E
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION
UNC LIBRARY, WILSON 024 A
CHAPEL HILL NC
27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

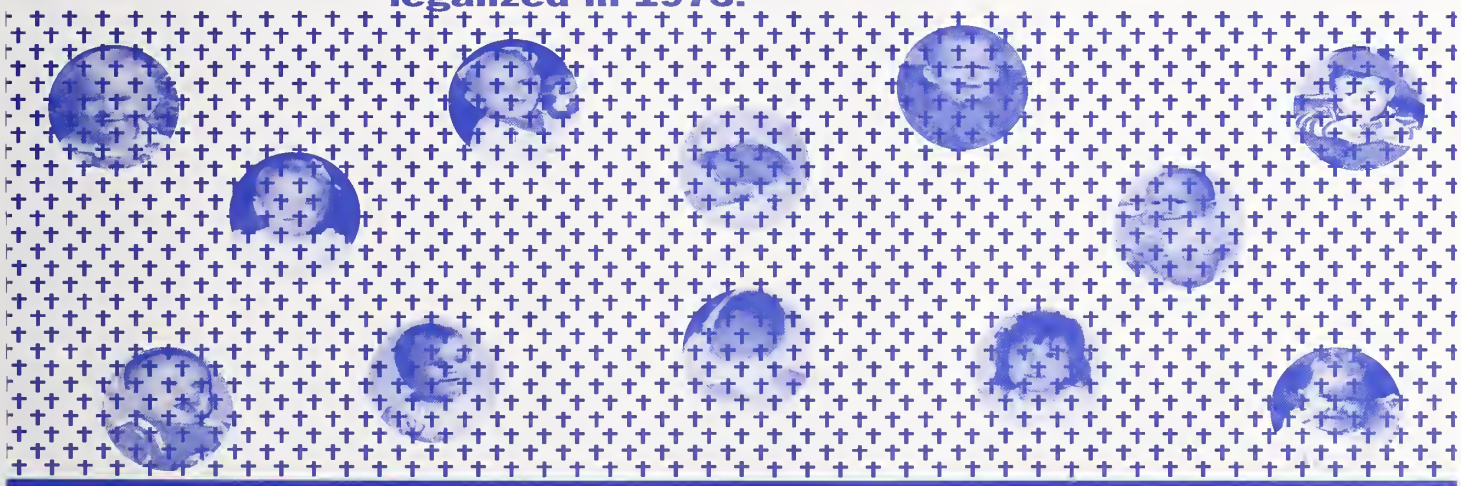
VOLUME 50 JANUARY 1995 NUMBER 1

AMERICAN WAR CASUALTIES

Each cross represents 25,000 people killed.
The war casualties represent all American combat-related deaths.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR	25,324	†
CIVIL WAR	498,332	† † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †
WORLD WAR I	116,708	† † † † †
WORLD WAR II	407,316	† † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †
KOREAN WAR	54,246	† †
VIETNAM WAR	58,655	† † †

WAR ON THE UNBORN estimated **31,000,000**
...since abortion was legalized in 1973.



Every Life,
Every Child...
A Treasure

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 22, 1995

Sponsored by ATA Ministry,
A Department of Falcon Children's Home

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

1994 STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT

Two profoundly motivating events have captured my spirit this past fall. One was the powerful move of the Holy Spirit in the Reconciliation Dialogue of PFNA in Memphis, Tennessee, in October. Resulting from that momentous occasion was the birth of a new organization that lengthens our cords and strengthens our stakes of commitment to the mission our Lord has given to His Church. The new fellowship is entitled Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America, PCCNA. This group encompasses a larger body of multiracial churches in the common goal of impacting our world as Pentecostal Partners. It is not uniformity, but it is a positive step toward unity. Barriers must fall if we are to reach the masses of humanity who do not know Christ as Savior and Lord. We may not endorse or practice all the culturally or theologically minute differences of some of the fellowship, but our goal must be one. That goal is to "reach, teach, win and train" (Remember that from Karl Bunkley) converts who will become disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second event that has impacted me was the annual General Board of Administration meeting preceded by the Conference Superintendents Orientation meeting. The 1994 Quadrennial Conferences resulted in the selection of nine new superintendents due to a large extent by the statute of limitation governing that office. The intense stream of emphasis that flowed through those sessions indicated a hunger toward "servant leadership." That is an emphasis this office has been seeking to impress upon the ministry of this conference for a long time. General Headquarters of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church will be now known as International Pentecostal Holiness Church Ministries Resource Development Center. This will carry over to individual conference central offices also.

The GBA also adopted the Continuing Education Program. A copy of that program accompanies this article. Ministers, please do not allow that requirement to cause you undue concern. Rather it should serve as an encouragement to know that this body of believers, for the most part, wants our quality of leadership to be enhanced. All our ministers who are not superannuated will be required to fully participate. However, you will be offered many opportunities to meet the requirements of the CEP. Please read the report carefully.

You will discover that it is not a difficult thing at all. In fact, you will discover an enhancement of your ministry if you enter the program positively and enthusiastically. I will send you a copy of the list of suggested books to read as soon as I receive the list from our Oklahoma City offices. I will be in touch with more information as it develops.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (USPS 179-920) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson**Assistant Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CLERGY CONTINUING EDUCATION

A proposal prepared by the Church Education Ministries Subcommittee on Clergy Continuing Education. May 9, 1994, edition. Submitted by Dr. Ron Carpenter, Dr. Doug Beacham, and Rev. Frank Sossamon. Amended and adopted by the General Board of Administration, November 4, 1994.

INTRODUCTION

1. Recognizing that the Bible commands ministers of the gospel to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (the apostle Paul to Timothy, 2 Timothy 2:15), the 1993 General Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church affirms: All licensed and ordained ministers must participate annually in a continuing education program provided and approved by the General Conference or Quadrennial Conference. Any minister failing to meet this requirement will forfeit his credentials. This excludes retired ministers not in active ministry. (2 Timothy 2:15).

2. Although established in eternal truths, Christian ministers face a rapidly changing world. However, God has given us opportunity to keep abreast of change and knowledge to effectively minister in our rapidly changing environment. Peter Drucker has observed that effectiveness is doing the right thing; efficiency is doing the thing right. The Holy Spirit calls all ministers of the Gospel to holy effectiveness and anointed efficiency.

3. In order to meet this opportunity, Church Education Ministries has developed a Continuing Education Program (CEP) for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. This program is designed for all credentialed ministers in the IPHC, including Ministers of Music, Ministers of Christian Education, and Missionaries. IPHC ministers will gain knowledge, competency, and the confidence of our constituency, especially those professionals who are already involved in mandatory continuing education, as we participate in a professional development program.

4. CEP is an in-service training track designed for ongoing professional development. It is not designed for college/graduate school academic credit.

5. Any licensed minister actively pursuing ordination as a full-time student in Bible College, or through the Conference Ministerial Program will satisfy the Continuing Education Unit requirements for the period of time involved in said studies.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT (CEU)

1. A Continuing Education Unit (CEU) is one (1) continuing education hour of participation in an organized continuing education experience — under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instructors.

2. Over a two-year period (biennial), a total of 48 continuing education hours shall be completed by all IPHC credentialed ministers.

3. The General Executive Board will issue the list of suggested readings.

4. Church Education Ministries will develop criteria for establishing CEU's for all programs. This will provide a standardized format across the denomination.

ISSUANCE OF CEUS

1. The sponsoring church agency will grant the designated CEU credits per event. These agencies include IPHC Ministries Resource Development Center sponsored events, conference sponsored events, and IPHC college sponsored events.

2. The sponsoring agency will provide the CEU forms for that event.

3. The individual minister attending the event is responsible for securing, having validated by the sponsoring agency, and forwarding to the conference office the CEU form along with his/her monthly ministerial report form.

4. The conference office will maintain accurate records of CEU's for each minister. Ministers having more than 48 CEU's may not carry them over to the next two-year cycle. The continuing education year is the calendar year of two years beginning in January. For newly licensed ministers or ministers transferred into or reinstated into a conference, the CEU requirement starts at the beginning of the calendar year after becoming a member of the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OUTSIDE IPHC

1. Seventy-five percent (75%) of annual CEU's must be completed at IPHC sponsored events/readings.

2. Any CEU outside IPHC agencies must have approval of the conference superintendent or his/her appointee and a statement (or form) of completion must be presented to the conference office to be included in the minister's file.

COSTS

There is no charge for participating in the IPHC CEU program. Church agencies may charge a registration fee for their sponsored events.

INTEGRITY OF THE PROGRAM

1. The ministerial application form will include a statement of commitment to participate in the IPHC CEU program.

2. A goal of the CEU program is movement toward quadrennial ministerial re-certification of credentials.

CHURCH NEWS

WESTVIEW CHURCH NEWS

The Westview PH Church of St. Pauls, NC just closed a revival October 6 with Rev. Samuel Weaver, Jr., Evangelist and Associate Pastor of Evangel PH Church of Fuquay, NC

It was a long awaited revival, in which many were revived, inspired and motivated by the Spirit of God. There were four that accepted Christ as Saviour, one sanctified, and one received the Holy Spirit. Several that were bound were set free. Truly God moved in a wonderful and powerful way through His servant Brother Weaver. To our God be glory and praise.

If you would like to have a young man, that would be a blessing in great Biblical preaching, and in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we at Westview would highly recommend this young minister, Samuel Weaver, Jr.

Church Reporter

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Glover announce the birth of a daughter, Gabrielle Nicole (Elle) born Nov. 22, 1994, at 11:15 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz. and 19-1/2 inches long. Donald is the son of Weldon and Kay Glover of Wade, NC, and Gina is the daughter of Jack and Judy Steele of Tallahassee, Florida. Donald is Youth Pastor at Orlando Worship Center, Orlando, Florida.

(Donald's mother Kay is Office Bookkeeper for the North Carolina Conference).

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

A Pentecostal Holiness, four-year accredited Christian college where the focus is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord." Zechariah 4:6

Serving the North Carolina Conference for over 75 years.

Let Emmanuel serve your educational needs for the future!

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	ASSOCIATE DEGREES
Business Administration	General Education
Christian Ministries	Music
Early Childhood Education	Office Administration
English	Pre-Pharmacy
English Bible	
History	
Interdisciplinary Studies	
Middle School Education	
Pastoral Ministries	**Financial Aid and Scholarships Available**
Pre-Law	
Psychology	

For more information please call toll-free **1-800-860-8800.**

NEW BERN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

The Women's Ministries of New Bern First invited their sharing sisters from the Reelsboro church for dinner on September 6. A time of fellowship was enjoyed by all after the meal was served.

Reba Canady
New Bern First WM

LET US GIVE THANKS

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15.

Blessings from God are always wonderful to share. Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church has much to be thankful for, and we would like to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ a few of our blessings.

God has blessed us with growth. In the past two years our membership has grown from 69 members to 143 members! Laborers are few in this great harvest, and we offer God praise for our increase.

In addition to growth, God has blessed us with a beautiful new van which serves as a way to bring the lost to Christ. Our new van, in addition to our bus, gives us the resources we need to compel those in the hedges and byways to come into the house of the Lord.

We have acquired two copy machines and a vision to become computerized in the new year. Glory to God in the highest!

Our greatest vision of building a larger church is becoming more of a reality with each new day. We thank God now for that which He has

LEADERSHIP GOAL SETTING BI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

DISTRICTS	HOST CHURCH	HOST PASTOR	DATE	
Morehead City/New Bern	New Bern First	Gregory Long	Monday	Feb. 6
Lumberton/Wilmington	Wallace	Tommy McLaurin	Tuesday	Feb. 7
Raleigh/Wilson	The Capital	Roland Harrell	Thursday	Feb. 9
Rocky Mount/Williamston	Tarboro First	Jessie Blalock	Monday	Feb. 13
Greenville/Goldsboro	The First	Jimmy Whitfield	Tuesday	Feb. 14
Clinton/Fayetteville	Mt. Carmel	Gary Strickland	Thursday	Feb. 16

SOHLS

January 22, 1973 . . . 22 years ago the lives of more than 1 million babies were blotted out by abortion. Today they would have been grown men and women, 22 years old. Those pre-born babies . . . try as they did could not save themselves from the abortionist. Nor could any of the 31,000 killed in the past 22 years.

Only those of us alive today are able to come to their rescue through a personal commitment. That is why SOHLS came into being several years ago. The coming together of individuals, churches, and denominations in love, unity, and prayer will be able to restrain the strong hand of the enemy of the unborn.

We would like to challenge every church to have a special service to commemorate this day **January 22, 1995.**

Remember: Every Life, Every Child . . . A Treasure.

promised to do.

Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church has truly been showered with blessings in the 1994 year. Thanks to all our faithful workers in the Lord. Our pastor Anthony Rogers and his wife Judy, the board members, teachers, musicians, bus ministry workers, church secretary/treasurer, and all members of Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church for holding onto the vision God has given us as a church. A vision to grow, spread the gospel, and to never limit God!

Our greatest thanks goes to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Without Christ our visions would perish, our souls would be lost, and our dreams would be no more.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR-EVER
AND EVER!
AMEN

Rose Fenton, Sec./Treas.
Eastside PH Church

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Rev. Daisy Morris	January 2
Rev. Ralph Johnson	January 4
Rev. Ruth Heath	January 5
Rev. H. M. Pope	January 21
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. J. Russell Clark	January 25
Rev. Jack Jayroe	January 29

ORGAN FOR SALE

If you are interested in a large Hammond (B model) organ, please call Rev. T. P. Davis (919) 235-2435.

ATA ALERT

A CALL TO OBSERVE A SPECIAL
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)
January 22, 1995

THEME: Every Life, Every Child...A Treasure

- **22nd Anniversary (exact date) of *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion in the U.S.**
- **Estimated 31,000,000 babies aborted in 22 yrs.**
- **About 1/3 of all babies conceived in America are aborted**
- **While 1.6 million couples want to adopt**
- **SOHLS material mailed to every pastor**

Sponsored by ATA, a ministry of
Falcon Children's Home

SAVE THE BABIES

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
EVANGEL
Subscription Rate $8.00
Beginning January 1, 1995

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Please return the completed form along with your $8.00 to:

North Carolina Conference
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

Attention: ***Evangel***

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

Can it be? Already another New Year! What an exciting time this new year is for us! With the new year come new hopes and aspirations, well-intentioned resolutions, and plans for the future.

But as we think about what 1995 has in store, we find ourselves both reflecting to the past as well as looking forward to the future. It is important to look back and remember from whence we came. Looking back helps us to better establish direction for the future.

What did we do during 1994 that needs to be continued and even improved upon during this new year? What happened during 1994 that has changed our direction for this new year? How can our lives be more effectively used for God this year?

Let's reflect on North Carolina Women's Ministries for a moment. We will recall that 1994 was a Year of Celebration as we celebrated the fiftieth year of an organized women's group in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. It was another year in which our churches so generously blessed our church schools and Falcon Children's Home with financial resources. The North Carolina Conference gave over $69,000 to the Feast of Ingathering and over $130,000 in cash and commodities to Harvest Train.

It was a year when NCWM made history by taking the women to a retreat outside the geographical boundaries of our conference. It was a year when attendance at the Leadership Seminar exceeded three-hundred. It was a year of election of new officers . . . ending one era and beginning another.

It was a year of many hours of hard work on the part of the local Women's Ministries groups who spent time and effort raising funds for various needs and ministering to the needs of the people. All in all, 1994 was a very good year!

As we reflect, we recognize the challenge and the opportunities which lie before us for this new year. There are many needs in our world today, and we are called of God to reach out and help meet those needs. Many times we find ourselves weary and lost in the busyness of our own lifestyles . . . and we find that we, ourselves, are unable to meet the needs of others until our own souls have been fed.

It is important that, as we begin this New Year, we take inventory of where we have been . . . and of where we need to go in the spiritual sense in 1995. Paul wrote in Romans 6:4, " . . . even so we also should walk in newness of life." In making plans for the new year, we need that "newness of life" that can only be found at the feet of Jesus.

Yes, your NCWM Board is making plans for the new year. We look forward to the Leadership Seminar on January 28 at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn. We are excited about plans for the Retreat on March 17 and 18 at New Heritage USA. We look forward to April with emphasis on GEMS Sunday and GEMS Retreat and Convention. June will bring summer activities for Sharing Sisters and WM Convention on June 3. Christmas Missions and Feast of Ingathering emphasis come in August, September, and October. Harvest Train in November will round off the year.

Plans are in the making for a great 1995! But we need that "newness of life" and the anointing of God on each of these activities. Join us in prayer for a blessed 1995 for North Carolina Women's Ministries. We know that all our plans are dependent upon the Plan of the Father. We are in His hands.

May God bless you one and all as you live in the newness of life that only Christ can give in your homes, churches, and communities. May 1995 be a Happy New Year in every way!

Excitement + Excitement = Thanksgiving!

EXCITEMENT filled the air as cars pulled into Franklin Springs for the FEAST OF INGATHERING 1994. For this newly elected Women's Ministries Conference Board Member, this trip was bringing back a lot of memories.

I thought of the day I enrolled at Holmes College of the Bible, at that time known as Holmes Theological Seminary. It was in October of 1956.

Then I remembered accompanying my husband in 1981 and again in 1983 as we enrolled both our sons as students at Emmanuel College. I remembered the tears I shed when we drove out of the campus at Franklin Springs leaving our first born Tim behind, trusting the administrators and teachers to continue to instill in him the character and godly qualities we had tried so hard to convince him were of utmost importance. We had him for 18 years, but now the primary responsibility would be in someone else's hands.

Then I recalled the same scenario again two years later, not knowing that we would return in only 5 months to close the door on the life of our younger son Ken. God called him home from his dorm room at Emmanuel on February 2, 1984. My heart still rejoices in the excitement in his voice in January of that year when he called to tell us that he had received the Pentecostal Baptism with the Holy Spirit in a prayer meeting at the school. From what other college could we have heard such a joyful report? Not likely from a liberal university with no concern for the spiritual life of its students. How fortunate we are to have access to higher education with a bent toward Godliness.

Yes, I do experience EXCITEMENT over the FEAST OF INGATHERING, because I believe in Christian Education. I am thankful for the many young people who have had their lives redirected by caring, praying instructors.

Many of our sons and daughters could not attend such a school if it had not been for the support of such programs as the FEAST OF INGATHERING.

There was still more excitement as we sat in the gym and listened as so many promising young people presented a program of music and drama. Smiles were on their faces, and smiles on the faces of the college administrators.

When it was time for the presentation of gifts, Emmanuel received $115,249.68 and Holmes received $40,876.73.

Both Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Benson acknowledged the miracle of the FEAST OF INGATHERING and appreciated the role the Women of this Church have played over the years in financial support of the schools.

Our WM Board went prepared to entertain all our students at both Emmanuel and Holmes. At Emmanuel we treated the students to a Pizza meal. At Holmes we shared some meaningful and practical tokens of our appreciation to each North Carolina student.

At Holmes I remembered meeting my husband of 35 years. I recalled even the

first "smile" he gave me. I could not help but thank God for all those in our churches and in the ministry who date their introduction to religious education to the Holmes experience. I thank Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Holmes for their prophetic foresight and personal commitment to provide a place where finances would not be the factor controlling a person's eligibility for enrollment. The same FAITH concept still abides at Holmes today.

Having met our North Carolina students at both schools, I am confident that God is raising up capable hands to receive the mantle of ministry we will soon be leaving behind.

EXCITEMENT!!!! Yes . . . I still feel it, and I pray you will ask God to give your Women's Ministries the excitement necessary to motivate your group to do all you can to make a larger commitment to the FEAST OF INGATHERING for next year. One area we all should consider is the "Matching Funds" provision available through many businesses in your areas.

Lives can be changed because you cared and because you gave.

Phyllis Harrell
North Carolina Conference
Women's Ministries Board Member

GEMS

On Friday, October 28, the GEMS Board, along with nine GEMS District Directors, busily prepared for the 1994 NC GEMS LTC in Falcon. The trainees arrived and were immediately immersed in two full days of intensive training for their GEMS ministries.

The Board was blessed this year with outstanding assisting presenters including: Linda Parnell, General GEMS Director; Mary Belle Johnson, General WM Secretary; Linda Thomas, NCWM President; Janice Marshburn, NCWM Board Member; Patricia Savage, Rocky Mount GEMS District Director; Karan Barnhill, Immediate Past NC GEMS Director; and Rev. Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference.

Superintendent T. E. Long conducted a special communion service around the campfire on Friday night. The Holy Spirit blessed and worked throughout the training. On Saturday evening, forty-nine ladies were certified as GEMS Sponsors.

We are so blessed to have women, not only willing but eager, to do this very important work in touching the lives of our girls. God bless you all.

Sandra McCandless
NC GEMS Director

Couples Retreat – A Real Treat . . .

Twenty-seven couples gathered in New Bern, NC, on October 14 and 15 for the annual NCWM Couples Retreat. They met at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel on the waterfront of this historic town.

The Friday evening highlight was a wedding reception complete with a beautiful wedding cake. The couples enjoyed playing the Newly-wed Game.

Rev. Roger Barefoot gave inspiring workshops on marriage and the family. All reports are that this was a most beneficial and blessed time of learning and sharing.

The Saturday morning breakfast was a treat as well. And . . . the ride on the "Belle of New Bern" riverboat was cut short due to mechanical problems.

Each couple found gifts in their room and literature suitable for the occasion.

Plans are already underway for the 1995 Couples Retreat. The planning committee is hoping to arrange the meeting in the Asheville, NC, area. The tentative date is September 15–16, 1995.

This event is for couples of all ages. Cathy Ward, Kathy Arthur, Rebecca Ward, and Bonita Spain have served well in birthing and continuing this ministry. Cathy Ward will again be chair of this committee and will be getting further information to the local churches regarding the 1995 Retreat.

New Ministries

The NCWM SENIOR CITIZENS met in October with about fifty ladies present for lunch at Holts Lake Seafood and Barbecue at Smithfield. Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson was guest speaker, and the ladies submitted names for their group. Following the lunch, the ladies enjoyed an afternoon of shopping at the Outlet Center nearby. The next meeting will be in the spring of 1995. The date will be announced later.

The PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB met in November in Dunn for lunch and a time of fellowship. During the meeting they discussed and decided upon a plan of support for the current NCWM President and Board. The following proclamation was made:

Affirmation of Blessings and Support Whereas we have served in the position now held by Linda Thomas, we are aware of the responsibilities of this office. Therefore, we commit to prayer and support for Linda, President of the North Carolina Women's Ministries.

Signed: Clara Williams, Jean Williams, Dollie H. Davenport, Sue Parker, Faye Leggett, Mary Belle Johnson.

Date: November 22, 1994.

Thanks From Patsy

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during my mother's illness and death. Words cannot express what I feel for each of you. Many of you have called and sent cards, but more importantly, you have remembered us in your prayers. My family and I have felt the prayers. Mama is with the Lord, and that's where she wanted to be. The last several months have been a "roller coaster" ride, but the Lord has been in control. Thank you again for your love and support. May the Lord continue to bless each of you.

In His Love,
Patsy Deese

HELPING HAND Subscription Drive

January is the month for emphasis on our General WM Magazine, *The Helping Hand.* If you do not currently receive this informative publication, please subscribe. The cost is $6.50 for one year or $12.00 for two years. Mail orders to Advocate Press, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009.

Scripture Cake Recipe

Try this recipe and serve this cake for one of your winter WM meetings. It's great with a cup of coffee.

1/2 cup Judges 5:25	(softened butter)
1/2 cup Jeremiah 6:20	(light brown sugar)
2 Jeremiah 17:11	(eggs)
2 cups I Kings 4:22	(unsifted all-purpose flour)
1/2 tsp. Amos 4:5	(baking soda)
1/4 cup Exodus 16:31	(honey)
3/4 cup Judges 4:19	(milk)
1/2 cup Nahum 3:12	(coarsely chopped figs)
1/2 cup I Samuel 30:12	(dark seedless raisins)
1/2 cup Numbers 17:8	(sliced natural almonds)
1 tsp. II Chron. 9:9	(spices: 3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. ground cloves)

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour 9-inch square pan. In medium bowl, beat together butter, brown sugar, and eggs until light. Add flour, soda, honey, and milk all at once. Beat just until smooth.

In medium bowl, toss together figs, raisins, almonds, and spices. Fold into cake batter and turn into prepared pan.

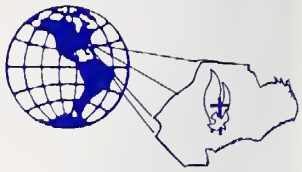
Bake until center springs back when gently touched, about 45 to 50 minutes.

This recipe is from "GREAT CAKES FROM GRANDMA." Homemakers had to know the Bible well to figure out what ingredients to use. They also needed a solid foundation in cake baking since some Bible passages contain more than one ingredient. For example, Judges 5:25 mentions water, milk and butter. One reason the cake has many versions is that the foods mentioned can be interpreted in different ways. Jeremiah 6:20 contains "sweet cane." This was sometimes interpreted as molasses and at other times as sugar.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"



EVANGELISM THEME

The theme for Evangelism in 1995 in the North Carolina Conference is "Share The Treasure."

The new District Evangelism Units are off and running in the promotion of Evangelism for this new quadrennium. The units will be working to equip each Pentecostal Holiness member to witness to his faith and experience in Jesus Christ. Each of the Districts will be offering training for this very purpose.

Below is an article describing what one district is doing in training and how our people are responding to reach the lost. I hope you enjoy the article and praise the Lord with me for the souls being won.

Evangelism Explosion Makes Its Mark on the Williamston District!!

For years I have watched as many have glided right over our Lord's command as recorded by Luke in Acts 1:8 in order to hasten up the steps to the upper room experience of Acts 2. I have been baffled as we have heard many sermons, and good ones at that, yet concerning only the **evidences** of an "upper room experience." While these sermons have been needed in establishing our church as one that is not ashamed of the Pentecostal Distinctives which marked the early church, it has appeared to me that when it comes to the practical **consequences** of this blessed experience, we have been content to stop short of the command to share the Gospel with the lost.

Some years ago, I was introduced to some new material called **"Growing In Love."** This material was used of God to shake things up in my priority system when it comes to outreach. I was pleased to see it do the same thing in the Robersonville congregation as well. It was after sharing this material that the church was then ready for some new material that dealt with **Lifestyle Evangelism.** This material, which was composed by our Evangelism Director, is appropriately titled ***Friendship Evangelism.*** This particular program has begun to be used across the denomination.

It was this order that prepared the way for **Evangelism Explosion** to come our way. There was now a consciousness of each individual believer's responsibility to share the Gospel, but what was still needed was the confidence to present the Gospel to a total stranger. It was a special highlight of my ministry to be able to attend the Evangelism Explosion Clinic at Northwood Temple back in April. I was familiar with the program, for I had been out with their EE teams on several occasions, but I returned to Robersonville with a greater determination to reach the lost than ever before.

We began the EE program by offering it in the Sunday School hour to a group of people committed to winning the lost. The On-The-Job training was conducted each Monday night. That was two semesters ago, and we are now almost through with the second semester, giving us a total of 18 trained in EE. This vision has spread throughout the district as well as with six churches represented by 25+ pupils here last Monday night. While they were in the classroom setting, the teams from Robersonville were out making contacts. The District Evangelism Unit set a goal for 60 to be trained within the first year, but momentum is so high that the vision is quickly expanding to 100.

What are the results, you ask? One of the key things happening is that the district is being brought together under the flag of evangelism and is experiencing tremendous unity. But the most obvious result is seen not merely in the unity of the churches or the vision of the participants, but rather in the faces of the 10 who were saved this week directly as a result of this program. To see the altars filled with sinners coming to know Christ remains the greatest of all results, and we've just gotten started!!

Noah Barefoot
Pastor, Roberson Church
Williamston District Director

EVANGELIST MARTY MASON

Recently a new evangelist joined the North Carolina Conference. He is Rev. Marty Mason. Brother Mason has transferred from the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Denomination. He is an excellent evangelist and greatly used by the Lord. Several of our churches have used and benefited by his ministry. Following is a recent letter I received from Evangelist Mason. He may be reached as follows:

Evangelist Marty Mason
85 Bayridge Drive
Willow Springs, NC 27592
Phone: (919) 639-8659

Dear Rev. Thompson:

I am excited about my decision to join the Pentecostal Holiness Church. It is a joy to be able to serve God in evangelism in these last days. Many blessings await us as we continue to move forward in the Kingdom of God.

Let me take a moment to share with you a bit of information concerning my ministry. In the year of 1987, I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. In that same year, God called me into the ministry. After receiving the call, I attended Heritage Bible College. During my last year at Heritage, I became the pastor of Oak Grove PFWB Church in Stedman, NC. My pastorate years were 1990-92. In 1992 God led me into full-time evangelism. From 1992 until now I have traveled throughout North and South Carolina and Virginia preaching revivals. God has recently blessed my ministry with a 40' x 80' Gospel tent. This year we have already seen 50 people saved just under the tent.

I am married to Scarlett Mason who is an anointed singer, and we have one 9-month-old son named Jordan. My family and I are looking forward to serving God in the PH Church.

RECORDS SPEAK

When records are in, 1994 will prove to be the greatest year ever for World Missions support in the history of the North Carolina Conference. All the details will be in next month's *Evangel*. Several pastors will win trips to the Holy Land to attend the World Pentecostal Holiness Conference in Jerusalem in September.

We begin the 1995 Missions promotions with the Missions Meals the week of January 16th through the 20th. Information follows as to time, location, etc. With these meals we kick off the Conference Missions work for a new year.

1995 WORLD MISSIONS MEALS INFORMATION

Monday	January 16 7:00 P.M.	Western Sizzlin (919) 446-3262 Hwy 301 N (By-Pass) Rocky Mount, NC
Tuesday	January 17 11:00 A.M.	Bill's BBQ (919) 237-4372 Forest Hill Road & Downing St. Wilson, NC
	January 17 7:00 P.M.	Western Family Steer (919) 636-3800 Hwy 17 New Bern, NC
Wednesday	January 18 11:00 A.M.	Golden Corral (919) 756-4412 Greenville Blvd. Greenville, NC
Thursday	January 19 11:00 A.M.	Ryan's Family Steakhouse (910) 738-1228 I-95 Lumberton, NC
	January 19 7:00 P.M.	Captain Willie's (910) 564-6942 Hwy 421 Clinton, NC
Friday	January 20 11:00 A.M.	Captain's Kitchen (910) 892-3466 Hwy 421 Dunn, NC

PARTICIPANTS

Pastors and Spouses; Local Directors and Spouses; Invited Guests

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meals is to recognize local church missions achievements for 1994, introduce plans and goals for 1995, and to distribute materials for 1995 promotions.

SPEAKER

The primary presenter for this year's meals will be Rev. Jesse Simmons. Brother Simmons is the General World Missions Director and one of our Assistant General Superintendents.

5-STAR RECOGNITION SYSTEM

The North Carolina Conference has begun a special system of awards to recognize achievement in World Missions promotion and support on the local church level. Each year a certificate will be given listing the number of "Stars" a church has earned. Stars will be earned based upon involvement and support of various divisions of World Missions Promotion. A church may be a 5-Star missions church by: 1) having a Local Missions Director and/or Task Force and attending District and Conference World Missions functions, 2) receiving a monthly missions offering, 3) contributing to and promoting the annual "GO" (Global Outreach) Offering, 4) supporting a missionary, 5) participating in the People to People program (preferably supporting a child).

We hope to distribute these special awards at the upcoming World Missions Meals.

NATIONAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE AND EXPO

March 20–23, 1995
New Heritage USA

Pastors' Schedule

Monday

7:00-9:00	**Worship Celebration**

Tuesday

9:00-10:00	**Session One**
10:15-11:15	**Session Two**
11:30-12:30	**Session Three**
2:00-4:00	**Discussion Forums**
The Becoming Church:	Chris Thompson
The Discovering Church:	Doug Beacham
The Exploding Church:	Dan Beller
7:00-9:00	**Worship Celebration**

Wednesday

9:00-10:00	**Session One**
10:15-11:15	**Session Two**
11:30-12:30	**Session Three**
2:00-4:00	**Discussion Forums**
	As noted above
7:00-9:00	**Worship Celebration**

Thursday

9:00-10:30	**Facing the Challenges of the New Technology**
11:00-12:15	**Bishop's Challenge to the Pastors**

Tracks of Training

Session I
Change or Die!
Planning Pastoral Preaching
The Pastor & Church Growth
Charting a Course for Selecting and Administering a Staff
The Pastor as Worship Leader

Session II
Managing Your Ministry (Practical Time Management)
Building a Pastoral Team
Pastoral Leadership
The Role of the Local Church in Missions
Pastoring When Your Own Family Is Under Siege

Session III
Discovering Your Destiny
Making a Minister out of Every Member
Applying OT Jewish Feasts to the NT Christian Calendar
Birthing a Vision
How to Successfully Integrate a Church

Your Presenters

Rev. Tony Atkinson
Change: Do It or Die!

Dr. Doug Beacham
Planning Pastoral Preaching

Dr. Dan Beller
The Pastor and Church Growth

Rev. Dwight Burchett
Selecting and Administrating Staff

Rev. Randell Drake
The Pastor as Worship Leader

Rev. Ron Dryden
Managing Your Ministry (Practical Time Management)

Dr. Dan Greenlee
Building a Pastoral Team

Rev. John Hedgepeth
Pastoral Leadership

Rev. Gordon McDonald
The Role of the Local Church in Missions

Rev. Joel McGraw
Pastoring When Your Own Family Is Under Siege

Rev. Quintin Moore
Discovering Your Destiny

Rev. Maurice Phelps
Making a Minister out of Every Member

Rev. Robert Shelley
Applying OT Feasts to the NT Calendar

Rev. Donavan Tinsley
Birthing a Vision

Chris Witt
How to Develop a Multi-racial Church

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:_____ Title:_____
Address:_____
_____
Age: ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-above
Church:_____
Size of Church: ☐ 0-75 ☐ 76-150 ☐ 151-300 ☐ 301-1000 ☐ 1001-up
Conference:_____

$40.00 Early Bird (before Feb. 15, 1995)
$50.00 Pre-registration (after this date)
$60.00 Registration at the door

Enclosed is my payment of $_____ made payable to I.P.H.C. to register me as a participant in the first National Pastors' Conference and Exposition, March 20-23, 1995.

Mail to: I.P.H.C.
Pastors' Expo Registration
P.O. Box 12609
Oklahoma City, OK 73157

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 1994

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Glad Tidings	488	0	397	0	173	179
Kinston First	659	0	297	0	321	256
Gospel Tabernacle	393	40	190	39	308	246
The Capital	328	0	173	0	140	176
Mt. Olive LD	309	0	164	0	100	90
Stedman	245	0	163	0	160	146
The First	360	0	162	0	0	0
Greenville First	255	0	148	0	130	89
Tarboro First	214	25	148	39	193	147
Shiloh WD	281	44	143	38	178	101
Whitley	269	0	142	0	222	186
Mt. Carmel	323	0	141	0	176	113
Lumberton	326	22	136	17	160	87
Harkers Island	126	0	118	0	62	65
Wilson First	166	0	117	0	97	81
Bizzell Grove	160	40	114	37	95	43
Robersonville	181	3	106	3	135	90
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	106	14	142	136
Brentwood	117	0	105	0	128	130
Evangel	419	14	105	18	234	95
Peniel	259	0	104	0	107	57
Chadbourn	197	0	104	0	154	85
Williamston	155	6	101	8	86	58
Pikes Crossroads	199	0	101	0	134	67
Bethany	151	8	97	25	109	56
Millennium	189	35	95	40	90	50
Clinton	98	52	93	52	54	55
St. Pauls	125	57	93	11	125	73
Smyrna	102	0	92	0	69	68
Eastside	198	0	92	42	0	0
Belfast	107	0	87	0	90	88
Harvest Temple	177	65	85	47	109	55
Hope Mills	150	30	83	39	80	39
Wallace	156	0	75	0	41	51
St. Paul	130	0	75	0	25	21
Stantonsburg	180	0	74	0	109	42
Midway	141	31	73	26	105	39
Roper	123	0	72	0	104	62
Living Faith Fellowship	204	0	70	0	57	56
Roanoke Rapids	266	0	70	0	101	49
Selma	115	0	70	0	0	0
Rehoboth	135	0	70	0	60	39
New Bern First	126	12	70	16	90	60
Moores Chapel	101	0	66	0	70	48
St. John	135	0	65	0	34	42
Harvest Fellowship	128	0	65	0	0	0
Ebenezer	123	0	63	0	113	45
Evangelistic Temple	210	0	61	0	140	78
Holly Hill	108	0	61	0	96	40
Baywood	184	0	59	0	120	22
Mt. Olive	108	0	58	0	0	0
Taylors Chapel	119	0	58	0	0	0
Wilmington	142	0	58	0	142	30
Winter Park	71	0	57	0		
Tyndall Grove	85	0	57	0	44	18
Thompson Chapel	104	0	56	0	59	36
Bridgeton	75	0	55	0	0	0
Brocks Chapel	148	0	54	0	91	47
Shelmerdine	116	0	54	0	0	62
Hollands Chapel	65	0	54	0	30	19
Sharon	98	0	53	0	43	20
Benson	123	20	53	22	58	35
Grace Community	216	0	53	0	152	41
Hobgood	88	0	53	0	0	0
Ayden	61	0	53	0	0	0
Winterville	66	0	52	0	0	0
Red Springs	215	0	51	0	0	0
Graham Memorial	100	0	51	0	54	26
Spring Hope	59	0	51	0	53	53
Whiteville	185	0	51	0	118	59
Carson Memorial	78	0	50	0	65	41
Ahoskie	104	0	50	0	59	29
Manleys Grove	124	0	50	0	0	0
Elizabethtown	69	20	49	12		
St. Matthew	92	0	49	0		
Hamilton	79	0	49	0	0	0
Kenly	87	0	48	0	0	0
Tabernacle	68	0	48	0	68	37
Sanford First	94	0	48	0	49	38
Bethel	86	0	46	0	0	0
Scotland Neck	71	71	46	63	0	0
Thomas Chapel	124	0	46	0	66	22
Trinity CD	130	0	46	0	50	26
Living Waters	73	10	46	11	89	37
Thunderswamp	102	0	46	0	0	0
New Vision	55	0	46	0	36	26
Jacksonville	62	0	45	0	44	41
Warsaw	68	0	45	0	40	10
Westview	110	0	44	0	82	37
Emmanuel	80	0	43	0	50	25
Friendship WD	91	0	43	0	64	34
Boardman	287	0	43	0	205	16
Shiloh FD	75	0	42	0	0	0
Niagara	134	0	42	0	40	31
Faith GD	67	0	42	0	41	35
Albritton	160	20	42	18	93	35
Hodges Chapel	77	0	39	0		
Garland	60	0	39	0	0	0
Clayton	58	0	39	0	16	0
Sims	64	0	39	0	0	0
Westmoreland	110	26	38	20	68	21
Gospel Net Ministries	101	0	38	0	18	16
Goshen	70	0	38	0	36	25
Weldon	66	0	37	0	0	0
Lyon Memorial	86	56	35	37	0	0
Heritage	52	0	35	0	72	48
Faith WD	57	48	34	42	0	0
Bailey	62	0	33	0	44	22
The Genesis	59	0	32	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	52	0	32	0	27	24
Snow Hill	136	0	32	0		
Vanceboro	40	0	32	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	105	0	32	0	0	0
Liberty	46	0	32	0	0	0
Washington	40	0	31	0	0	0
Jones Grove	48	0	31	0	0	0
Shekinah	63	0	31	0		
Oak Ridge	64	0	31	0	28	16
Lowland	38	0	30	0	28	21
Abbottsburg	41	0	30	0	0	0
Hopewell	33	0	28	0	30	34
Wades Point	64	0	27	0	0	0
Lamm's Grove	61	0	26	0	0	0
New Hope	24	0	26	0	0	0
Goose Creek	43	0	25	0	26	18
Alliance	46	0	24	0	46	15
Calvary Temple	40	0	23	0	9	7
Calvary LD	19	0	22	0	0	0
Alert	73	0	22	0	28	13
Black Creek	41	0	22	0	0	0
Maranatha	30	0	21	0	5	68
Christian Chapel	20	0	20	0	0	0
Grifton	88	0	20	0	45	19
Warrenton	31	0	19	0	13	16
New Life	31	0	18	0	0	0
Crystal Coast	36	0	17	0	0	0
Middlesex	25	0	17	0		
Plymouth	23	0	16	0	0	0
Lighthouse	21	0	15	0	0	0
Sonlight	15	0	13	0	0	10
Vicks Chapel	15	0	10	0		
Windsor	12	0	9	5	0	0
Wakelon	18	0	8	0	0	0
Total:	17,725	780	9,105	741	8,150	5,260
Average:	124	5	64	5	60	39
Count:	143		143		135	135

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUCKAROO STRAIGHT ARROW
LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 21 - 23, 1995

J L T C
JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 21 - 24, 1995

AVAILABLE TO MINISTER IN SONG

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES

April Whittington
201 Edge Brook Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

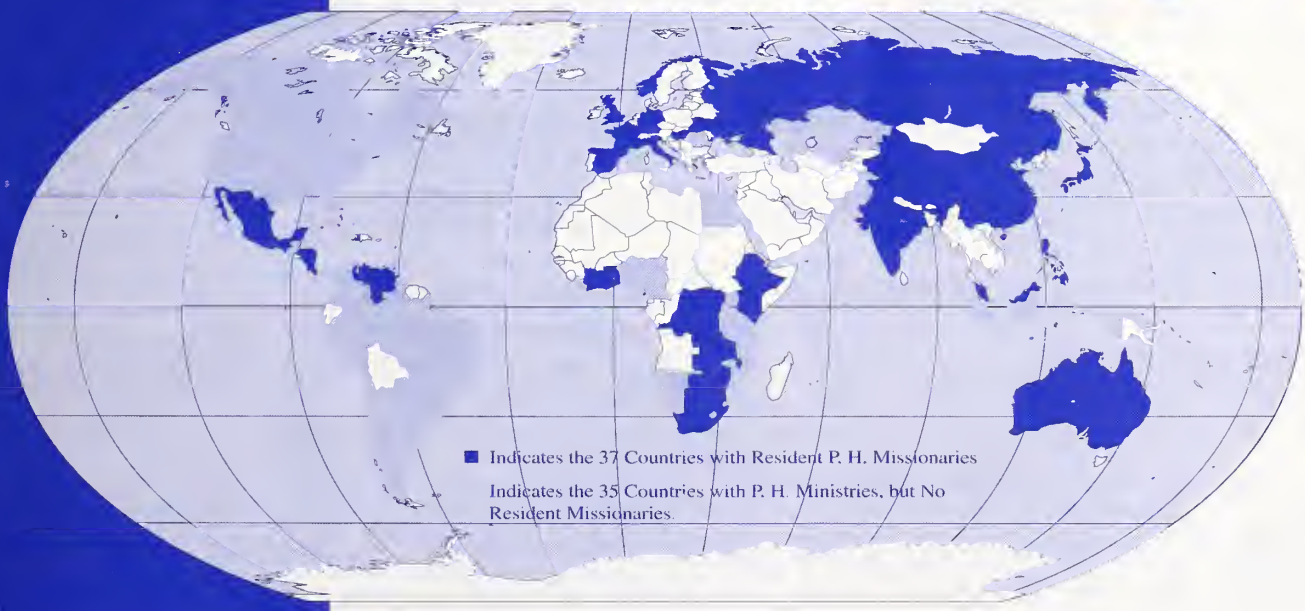
(285.)
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 FEBRUARY 1995 NUMBER 2

1995 Year of Breakthrough!



Faith Commitment Day

Sunday, March 5, 1995

Target 2000

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

1995 YEAR OF BREAKTHROUGH

The General Church adopted emphasis for this calendar year is certainly well chose. This is a year of **break through**! We must experience a spiritual breakthrough if we are to accomplish the mission the Lord has given us as a corporate Body of believers. It is imperative that we open our hearts and minds to receive a **break-in** of Holy Spirit freshness. If we are to have that kind of relationship with Him, we will have to require a **break-down** of all barriers that possibly could hinder the **breakthrough**. Barriers of doubt, fear, prejudice, and competition among many others must be destroyed if we are to have the breakthrough that will result in a **breaking-forth** of victory and praise. I remember from long ago the suggestion that one of the definitions of "sanctify" is to "break forth shiningly." The sanctifying presence of His Word will still do the work He wants among us.

Paul, the apostle, writes a powerful letter to correct some errors in the Corinthian Church. One of those injunctions is recorded in I Corinthians, chapter 3. The writer addresses the question of who is greatest in the church. Some were suggesting that Paul, the church planter, is supreme. Others were vehemently declaring that Appollos, the waterer, is greatest. Paul declares that neither is the case. He emphatically announces that it is God who gives the increase. All of us are simply tools in His hands. If anything worthwhile is accomplished, it is because God gives the increase.

On the heels of this powerful truth He gives some valuable instructions in verses 9-11 of this chapter: I Corinthians 3: 9-11 **"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth there-upon."**

These verses point out to us some very important **"Breakthrough"** principles. We will do well to heed those instructions as we seek participation in a Holy Spirit produced breakthrough.

First, we must without equivocation give God the glory. In fact His glory must be our motivation. Later in the same book, Chapter 10, verse 31 we are admonished, "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Regardless of our station we must submit to the approach to ministry. Accompanying this undying imperative is our recognition that this ministry is His, and He is in control. His directive becomes our direction. His perfect will becomes our desire and delight.

It is good to keep in mind that God is sovereign, and He "works all things after the counsel of His will" (Ephesians 1:11:)

The grumbling creators and philosophies of man are but dust

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

in the wind of time, but He builds His Church on the Foundation: "For other foundation can no man lay...which is Jesus Christ" (v. 11). It is good to remember it is the Lord's Church. This helps to free us from unnecessary pressure. Jesus said to His followers at Ceasarea Philippi, "I will build my Church." Praise God! This truth should free us from the needless fretfulness that comes from the assumption that *we* somehow "build" His Church. We must not lazily amble our way from the Cross to Heaven, but the bottom line is Jesus Christ is building His Church. We are instruments in His hand, anointed by the Holy Ghost to carry on His mandate to witness and disciple. He will do the converting!

Let us join forces as we seize the hour to combat the enemy forces and contrivances of Satan's devising. We will have the breakthrough as we assail the gates of hell through genuine prayer and the forward march of an army of saints dedicated to lifestyle evangelism. Is break through possible? Yes, and it is yours and mine in **His strong Name!**

WORLD CONFERENCE

of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church • 1995

in

THE BIBLE LAND

September 3-12, 1995

$1,968.00 New York & return

Tips ($40) and Taxes ($58) Extra

Special Pentecostal World Conference Optional Extension

September 11-15, 1995 ($498 (Plus Tips $15)

FOR PHC PARTICIPANTS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WHO WILL BE ARRANGING SEPARATE AIR TRAVEL, THE GROUND ONLY PACKAGE IS $1268.00 (FOR BASIC PROGRAM ONLY)

Travel Arrangements By:

Noseworthy Travel Services

P.O. Box 6378 • Lakeland, FL 33807

(813) 644-6261 • (800) 929-4684

Superintendent
North Carolina Conference
Pentecostal Holiness Church
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

CHURCH NEWS

NOTE BURNING AT SHILOH

On Sunday, October 23 there were flames in the sanctuary. Smoke rose in the auditorium. No, this wasn't a time of panic, but rather one of celebration. The service was one of thanksgiving and worship as the Shiloh Church burned notes totalling $180,000 for renovation of the church which began under the leadership of Rev. T. E. Long. During the pastorate of Rev. Ralph Jernigan, more of the indebtness began to disappear.

Pastor Ralph Leggett as well as former pastors, Rev. Long and Rev. Jernigan were present. Each pastor made remarks as the air was filled with excitement. The music reflected the mood of the evening. Shiloh was debt free. The Lord has blessed His people, and the burning paper was a testimony to the goodness of God. To God be the Glory!

Notes totalling $61,450 were also burned for the following items which were paid off in the last two years under the ministry of present pastor, Rev. Ralph Leggett: renovation loans for $32,000, two sections to the parking lot for over $17,000, parsonage improvements for over $950.00, roof improvements for $8,500, and a recreational park for $3,000.

Church Reporter

SHILOH RECEIVES NEW VAN

On October 13 a $10,000 donation was made to the Shiloh Church by Mr. Bobby Ray Davis for the purchase of a fifteen-passenger 1994 Ford Club Wagon. To date, a total of $15,000 has been paid toward the total cost of the van. We at Shiloh look forward to many years of enjoyment provided by this generous gift.

Thomas Johnson, C.E. Director

MID-ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION

March 31–April 1, 1995

New Heritage USA

Fort Mill, SC

(10 miles south of Charlotte, NC)

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

Keynote Speaker

Founder/President of
Walk Thru the Bible
Author of books and videos
Bible teacher & popular speaker

Over 125 Workshops
Four General Sessions
Large Exhibit Areas
Special Music
Special Seminars on Friday
Convention begins 9:30 a.m. Friday
Concludes 4:15 p.m. Saturday

Registration: $13.00 per person
before March 1st
$18.00 per person at the door
Friday Seminars: $30.00
Group rates available.

MACEA

P.O. Box 29045
Charlotte, NC 28229-9045
For information call: 1-800-321-7495

Serving Churches for Twenty-One Years

FROM VICK'S CHAPEL

Certificate of Appreciation

Deacon Cecil Abernathy and wife Ora Lee were recently honored by the pastor and Vick's Chapel Board for their loyal and dedicated service above and beyond the call of duty. In times of changes, even to the possible closing of the church doors, they have remained a steady and committed example to this community by their faithfulness to "keep the light burning" and the witness of God alive here in this small but growing church.

A framed certificate of merit, and a special parking space complete with a special sign were presented to these wonderful children of God. May God give us more people such as these!!

Pastor: Rev. S. W. Webb

GOSHEN PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

To Host Revival Services
with

Evangelist, Rev. Bob Ely

March 12-15, 1995

Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Weeknights
7:30 p.m.

For more information call:
910-594-1421 or 1942
Pastor Allen Mayo
Suttontown Road
Faison, NC 28341

MIRACULOUS HEALING

Dear Friends,

I have been asked by many to give my testimony about the miraculous healing that I experienced recently. I would far rather tell of the "So great Salvation" that I experienced back in 1926 and how the Lord has kept me walking with Him in Pentecost ever since.

Whilst here in New Zealand, I was mowing the lawn when I had a severe Angina attack. I had suffered from Angina for many years. Gladys took me to our doctor who examined me and told me I had a tired heart. He sent me to the main hospital where I was admitted into the special care unit. After four days of extensive tests, I was sent to the Cardiac Care ward. The doctors told Gladys that I was on maximum medication. I was too weak for surgery, and my age was against me. Our doctor told my daughter Joan to call the family. She did so. Ivan came from South Africa and Merle from America. He told us three times that he did not expect to see me come out of the hospital alive. I asked to be sent home and they agreed. Gladys, my family, and the elders prayed for me many times. I told them that I was a child of God, He loved me and would heal me when He taught me some lessons He knew I needed.

One Sunday morning I was sitting in Church, praying silently to myself when I felt a warm glow go over my heart. I knew the Lord had healed me! Gladys took me to our doctor for a "check up." He put his instruments on me and said "What has happened to you? Man, you are healed!" He then demanded to know what had happened and I told him. He said "This is a miracle!" I still had some pain, but he said it was not my heart and sent me back to the hospital for an Xray of my coronary arteries. The hospital then took me off all the medication they had prescribed. Their report said my arteries were those of a man of thirty-five years. It seemed that my doctor just wanted to make sure of my healing.

I am now free from all pain, the first time for years! I can now walk about freely, can climb inclines that I could not climb before, and have preached several times without pain or after effects. I give the Lord all the praise and all the glory!

I worship the Lord with the words found in Psalm 103: 1 to 5.

Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,
John R. Stead
(also known as Jack.)

(This letter was accompanied by a confirmation by the physician.)

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Rev. W. Harold Lewis	February 7
Rev. J. Paul Jones	February 8
Rev. Mrs. Luetta Morris	February 10
Rev. George Casper	February 10
Rev. Clayton Guthrie	February 15
Rev. Walter Kelly White	February 19
Rev. Tim B. Henry	February 26

PASTORAL CHANGES

Warrenton	Rev. Dale Eatmon
Alert	Rev. Mike Burney
Vicks Chapel	Rev. Mrs. Selma Webb
Brocks Chapel	Rev. Paul Edward
St. Pauls First	Rev. Ray Faircloth
Calvary	Rev. Roger Banks
Living Waters	Rev. Chris Keel
Micro	Rev. Jonathan Gregory
Missionary	Rev. Buck Parnell

A PRECIOUS GIFT

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee..." (1 Timothy 4:14).

I met a friend at the supermarket. "How's retirement?" I asked. "How's the first four months of freedom?"

He frowned, "All right, I guess." Then, "There's nothing to do!"

Nothing to do? Really?

SOCRATES gave his wisest philosophy at 70.

PLATO, a student at 50, did his best teaching after 60.

GOETHE wrote part of *Faust* at 60, the remainder at 82.

NOAH WEBSTER compiled his monumental dictionary at 70.

GLADSTONE was Britain's Prime Minister at 82.

GRANDMA MOSES' first public showing of her painting was at 70.

HELEN HOOVEN SANTMYER had her best-selling novel published at 88.

Maybe we aren't as talented as these seven. Yet retirement brings a gift: the gift of time, with endless choices on its use. Time to learn, to explore, to listen. An opportunity to be a living example of poise and tranquility. Time to gain a new sense of calm, quiet trust, to grow closer to loved ones, and to serve the Lord and His children.

Nothing to do? Retirement from work is not retirement from life. It only means more of His gift, time. Aren't we told, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" (Proverbs 3:27).

(Taken from a church bulletin in the NC Conference).

RETIRED MINISTERS DAY

March 26, 1995

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

February is a special month nestled in mid winter. We have settled into the new year, and because of cooler weather, warm clothing. We're looking for something to celebrate. Then comes Valentine's Day! A special day set aside to express love and affection. February — the month of candlelight dinners, roses, cards, and gifts.

The true origin of Valentine's Day is uncertain; however, there is recorded in history one account I'll share. It is said that there were two saints named Valentine in the early Christian church. The story says because the emperor thought single men made better soldiers, he forbade young men to marry. A priest, whose name was Valentine, secretly married young couples in clear disobedience to the emperor's orders. It is thought that he was executed on February 14 about A.D. 270.

The other St. Valentine was an early Christian who befriended children. Because of his refusal to worship Roman gods, he was put into prison. The children missed him and wrote messages to him and threw them into his cell window.

Whether these are truth or myth, history does record a Saint Valentine, and Pope Gelasius named February 14th as Saint Valentine's Day in A.D. 496. Since that time, Valentine's Day has been designated as a day of love.

English records note that birds chose their mates on that date. (Before 1582, a different calendar was used and February 14 came later in the spring.) Chaucer, a great English poet, wrote of this in his "The Parliament of Fowls."

Customs of Valentine's Day have come and gone. Still today we celebrate. Hallmark and other greeting card companies around the world sell millions of cards expressing strong sentiments in celebration of this day. Roses are sold by the dozens!! Candlelight dinners enhance the romantic evenings of many couples. Gifts of love are exchanged.

Perhaps the rose is most symbolic of love to many. The rose is one of the most beautiful of all flowers and is a symbol of fragrance and loveliness. The rose comes in many varieties: old roses which bloom once a year; perpetual roses which bloom in summer and in fall; everblooming roses which flower constantly during the growing season. They come in many colors and scents. There are climbing roses, rambling roses, shrub roses. There are miniature roses, cabbage roses, wild roses. Some have large single blooms while others have double blooms and even small cluster blooms. Roses grow in many parts of the world in various types of soils and climates. They must have open sunlight, yet they need protection from the wind. The rose most used as an expression of love is the long-stemmed red rose.

Yet — love in its purest form came to us in THE ROSE OF SHARON. The most beautiful fragrance the world has ever known was realized when this Rose was crushed on Calvary. The thorns that encircled His head and pierced His brow were placed there as a mockery of His kingship. The beauty faded, but only for a short time. On the third day, the Rose bloomed again! He was — and is — and ever shall be — the greatest symbol of love.

Candlelight enhances romance. Restaurants are crowded on the evening of Valentine's Day with couples who share special moments of loving enjoyment. The soft light of the flicker of the candle sets the mood for loving exchanges of words. The light reflects warmth and reveals the sparkle in the eyes.

Did Jesus not come to us as THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD? Does He not soften our hearts with the warmth of His presence? Does His Spirit not fill our mouths with loving words? Yes! A thousand times, yes! And we, too, are to let our lights shine to send forth His love and warmth in a cold, dark world.

Cards ... by the millions! Messages of love, whether hand delivered or special delivery, are given and received to express loving thoughts which are sometimes beyond our own ability to speak. Some cards are frilly. Some are plain. Some are "mushy," while others are comical. Yet, they all carry the same message, a story of love.

What greater message of love is there than THE WORD OF GOD? From genesis through Revelation, the unfathomable love of God is expressed. God in love created all things. In love, He spared mankind from the flood. In love, He warned His people through the prophets. In love, He delivered them from Egypt. And in His ultimate act of love, He sent His only begotten Son to die in our stead. What a glorious, mighty and powerful message of love!

Of all the gifts that are given this Valentine's Day, none will compare with the GIFT OF GOD, eternal life through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Yes, Valentine's Day is a day for exchanging loving remembrances. But, as we celebrate this year, may our hearts be reminded that our loving expressions are only possible because of the love of God. As He has loved us, let us also love one another.

As for me, I am a romantic! I love the roses! I love the cards! I love the candlelight dinner with My Special Valentine, Joe! And, yes, most of all, I love the God who has made all this possible for me,

Gotta go, now! Need to get to the kitchen to cook my Valentine his favorite chocolate pie!

GEMS

The Alpha GEMS sponsor at the Holly Hill Church recently shared the following experience with me. It was SO BEAUTIFUL and so exemplified the purpose of GEMS that I want to

share it with you. It is truly a testimony of THE GIFT OF LOVE. This account was written by Myrt Morris who is the sponsor.

I had the wonderful privilege of entertaining our Alpha GEMS in my home recently. After a delicious and enjoyable meal of spaghetti, we decided to visit some of our elderly shut-in members of our church and friends in our community. We visited and sang for several widowed ladies. During the visits, I felt so impressed to take the girls to visit an older man in the neighborhood who is an alcoholic and is in very poor health. His wife died about a year ago with cancer, and he lives alone in a very small mobile home. I mentioned this to the other chaperone who immediately felt it was a good idea.

We drove to the small home and found only a very dim light coming from the front window. Thinking that he perhaps had already gone to bed, we decided we shouldn't disturb him. We started to leave when we noticed a car coming in our direction. The driver pulled the car into the same driveway where we were parked. Our excited GEMS exited from both cars with only the enthusiasm that ten and eleven-year olds can have. They were very eager to visit and sing for this man, whom they had never met, and cheer him up. The driver of the car was a close friend of the man and had come to check on him. When she learned of our reason for being there, she insisted that we go in. We asked her to check with him first to see if he wanted us to visit.

We were invited in and found the many fully dressed and lying on his bed. He appeared to very happy to have company. We explained to him that we were visiting and singing and wanted to share some time with him. When the girls began to sing, the mighty presence of the Lord filled the room, and His wonderful love shone on their faces. Almost immediately, he began crying and pointing to the girls as if each one was a miracle.

I was overcome by the spiritual need in this man's life. After singing several songs,we decided to close with "Jesus Loves Me." My precious GEMS sang that song with all their hearts. An overwhelming desire to pray with the man came over me. I asked him if we could have prayer with him, and, with tears streaming down his cheeks, he nodded his head for us to pray.

After a good prayer together, I was beginning to gather the girls to leave when I heard on of my GEMS say, "Sir, you need a Bible to read, and we will bring you one." Tears still falling down his face, he pointed to a Bible lying on his dresser. Some of us were moving toward the door, but this little GEMS called to me. "Mrs. Myrt, we can't leave! He has a Bible! He has all he needs! May I please show him what he needs to read?"

We stopped in amazement and watched as she opened his Bible and read to him, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I listened as she witnessed to him that God would give him a new heart and change his life if he would just believe in Him. She asked him to read the scriptures every day, and he nodded that he would. By this time another GEMS was witnessing to him of how God had healed her of a tumor on her kidney.

At some point during all this, the man's son had quietly entered the room. The spirit of the Lord was so real, and we felt impressed to sing again.

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
The are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

With tears in his eyes, the son thanked us for coming and acknowledged how much his dad needed help. Before leaving, we had to promise both father and son that we would visit again soon.

Most of the GEMS who participated that night are from Christian homes and have lived "sheltered lives." But, I believe they now understand in a much greater measure how the blood of Jesus can change a black heart and make it white as snow.

GEM LEADERS, if you are ever weary in well-doing, KNOW THAT YOUR LABORS ARE NOT IN VAIN!

Pine Level WM Charters ...

Excitement was in the air on Wednesday night, January 4, when Sandra McCandless and I arrived at Pine Level Pentecostal Holiness Church. This church has just joined the North Carolina Conference, and the congregation is eager to get involved in the programs of the denomination.

I met with the women in their ladies group, and they listened eagerly as I presented the North Carolina Women's Ministries program to them. What a joy it was to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to become involved. Mrs. Florence Pittman is the president. This group will be a part of the Goldsboro District.

Sandra met with the sponsors for their program for girls. They expressed much interest in the GEMS program and hope to be able to switch their program in the near future.

Keep this new sister church in your prayers and visit them if you have the opportunity. You'll certainly feel welcomed!

Dates To Remember

WM FOUNDER'S DAY is March 12. Plan a very special service in celebration of Women's Ministries in your local church.

NCWM RETREAT is March 17-18 at New Heritage. If you haven't made your reservation, hurry! Call 803-548-7800.

GEMS Day is April 9. Begin making plans now to honor this special ministry in your church.

GEMS RETREAT is April 28 & 29. Mark your calendar.

Recommended Reading...

February is a good month to get *52 SIMPLE WAYS TO SAY "I LOVE YOU"* by Stephen Arterburn and Carl Dreizler. It is a paperback book with a suggestion for each week of the year to bring fun and romance to your marriage; add spice to your dating; show your children how special they are; or, let a friend know how much you care. It is published by Oliver-Nelson, a division of Thomas Nelson Publishers. You can purchase or order it through Christian bookstores. (Try Falcon Gospel Bookstore!)

A VALENTINE RECIPE...

STRAWBERRY PARFAIT PIE
(A great way to say "I Love You")

- 10 ounce package of frozen strawberries
- 3 ounce package of strawberry-flavored gelatin
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 pint (1 cup) heavy cream, whipped
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon powdered sugar

Thaw and drain strawberries in a sieve over a bowl. Measure juice and add enough water to make 1 1/2 cups of liquid. Heat 1 cup of this liquid to boiling point. Stir in gelatin until completely dissolved. Add remaining 1/2 cup liquid. Mix in ice cream until melted. Chill in refrigerator until thickened, about 30 minutes. Fold in drained strawberries.

Pour into cooled, baked pie crust. Chill until firm. Top with whipped cream which is flavored with vanilla and sweetened with powdered sugar.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

NEW CHURCH IN PINE LEVEL, NC

The first day of the new year brought a new church to the North Carolina Conference. The Pine Level Church was organized by Superintendent Long in the morning worship service. Accompanying Brother Long was Evangelism/World Missions Director Chris Thompson, and Conference Christian Education Director Bobby Forehand and various family members. Some one hundred twenty-five were present for this historical service.

The Pine Level church comes to the Conference from the ranks of the Independent Pentecostals. The church is rich in the Pentecostal and Holiness traditions having ministered for a number of years in the Pentecostal Free-Will Baptist arm of the Pentecostal faith. Pine Level makes the 165th organized church within the ranks of the North Carolina Conference.

The church is an impressive church. The members have been committed to their faith and to ministry within their community. There is a membership of 200 with an average morning worship attendance in 1994 of 150 plus. The Sunday School has averaged 125. Superintendent Long is working prayerfully and faithfully to place a pastor at the church.

Pine Level Pentecostal Holiness Church

We extend a warm welcome to this the newest church within the Conference. Our prayer is that the Lord will richly bless them and give them many rewards for their labors.

There has been a tendency in the last few years for many independent groups to seek a denominational covering. A great need exists for extended fellowship, accountability, and the joining of forces in order to effect greater community and world-wide ministry. A battle is raging! The church is not in peace time but is engaged in a great spiritual warfare. Christians must stand together and move forward as one.

The North Carolina Conference welcomes those groups that have a common doctrinal and Biblical view of life and living. The Lord has given the Conference a distinct message and vision for the future. It is a pleasure to work with those who can identify with our mission and vision. Such a group can be a blessing to us and us to them.

Pine Level Membership

RED HOOK UPDATE

The cost of the building in Red Hook, New York City is $200,000.00. There will be additional funds needed for closing costs and some renovation work. Presently some $125,000.00 has been pledged on the project with $80,000.00 actually being received. All the funds are needed by June 1, preferably by March 1.

The North Carolina Conference has pledged some $56,000.00. Of this amount some $15,105.05 has been sent in through December 31, 1994. We would ultimately like to send at least $75,000.00.

Funds should be sent to the Conference Office earmarked Red Hook Project.

MIRACULOUS WORLD MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM GIVING IN 1994

The Lord, working through faithful and dedicated people, has performed a miracle in 1994. The totals are as follows:

	1992	1993	1994
Grand Total	$520,053.84	$606,952.63	$769.776.27
Global Outreach "GO"	83,523.53	113,235.25	126,503.99
People to People	46,210.35	43,128.99	51,357.91
General Evangelism	33,870.57	38,000.63	64,470.59
Missions	486,183.27	568,952.00	705,305.68

The percentage increase in total giving of 1994 over 1993 is 27%. That is miraculous! The percentage increase over the last two years is **48%.**

GOALS FOR 1995

Total Giving	$800,000.00
Global Outreach	140,000.00
People to People	55,000.00
General Evangelism	70,000.00
World Missions	730,000.00

Our ultimate goal is to be at the $1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION) per year level in total giving by the end of the quadrennium.

WORLD MISSIONS APPRECIATION GIFT WINNERS – 1994

The World Missions Ministries and Evangelism USA Ministries of the General Church in Oklahoma offered appreciation trips to pastors whose churches excelled in their support of these two ministries in 1994. The trips are trips to the World Conference of Pentecostal Holiness Churches in Jerusalem, Israel, on September 3-11, 1995. In order to qualify for one trip a church had to increase their total contributions to World Missions and Evangelism USA by $5,000.00 or increase their annual "GO" Offering by $5,000.00. For those churches whose contributions increased by $10,000.00 the pastor's wife was given a trip.

To this date fifteen have qualified for the free trip. Praise the Lord for His blessings and for faithful pastors and laymen who enabled these churches to reach these milestones in giving. Many of these pastors and churches set their faces on reaching these goals. By hard work, faithfulness, and the Lord's blessings, they reached their goals.

Congratulations are in order to the following:

Northwood Temple – Pastor John Hedgepeth _ 2 trips

Clinton Church – Pastor David Wheeler – 2 trips

Glad Tidings – Pastor Maurice Phelps – 2 trips

Stedman Church – Pastor Randal Strickland – 2 trips

Bethany Church – Pastor Phillip Bland – 1 trip

Evangel Church – Pastor William O'Neal – 1 trip

Living Faith Fellowship – Pastor David Butts – 1 trip

Lyon Memorial – Pastor Dallas Gurganus – 1 trip

Peniel Church – Pastor Jimmy Swinson – 1 trip

Pikes Crossroads – Pastor Charles Gentry – 1 trip

The First Church – Pastor Jimmy Whitfield – 1 trip

In addition to the trips, appreciation gifts will also be awarded to those pastors who increased their total giving by $500.00 or their "GO" Offering by $500.00. These gifts will either be a $75.00 Savings Bond or a new Bible. A complete list of these missions-minded pastors are as follows:

1. John Hedgepeth – Northwood Temple
2. David Wheeler – Clinton
3. Maurice Phelps – Glad Tidings
4. Randal Strickland – Stedman
5. David Butts – Living Faith
6. Jimmy Whitfield – The First
7. Charles Gentry – Pikes Crossroads
8. Dallas Gurganus – Lyon Memorial
9. William O'Neal – Evangel
10. Phillip Bland – Bethany
11. Jimmy Swinson – Peniel
12. Frank Gentry – Greenville First
13. Jesse Blalock – Tarboro First
14. Allen Mayo – Goshen
15. Merrill Davis – Faith, Greenville
16. Ray Faircloth – Saint Pauls
17. Roland Harrell – The Capital
18. Roger Banks – Missionary Holiness
19. Ray Ward – Evangelistic Temple
20. Kenneth Dixon – Bridgeton
21. Paul Loftin – Jacksonville
22. L. B. Collins – Benson
23. Jack Edmundson – Tyndall Grove
24. Ken Milliken – Hope Mills
25. W. A. Mills – Williamston First
26. Jimmy Barnhill – Midway
27. Jay Young – Winter Park
28. Tony Smith – Scotland Neck
29. Randall Reece – Saint Paul
30. Elton Bryan – Sanford First
31. George Weaver – Thompson Chapel
32. Rudolph Britt – Heritage
33. Berry House – Winterville
34. Fred Jones – Harvest Temple
35. Julian Mayo – Pinetown
36. W. M. Wooten – Wilmington First
37. Ed Woolard – New Hope
38. Jeff Brown – Elizabethtown
39. Frank Elliott – Emmanuel
40. Chris Keel – Gospel Net (Snead's Ferry)
41. Jeff Bartlett – Millennium
42. Ferrell Hardison – Whitley
43. Lotis Joyner – Trinity, Rocky Mount
44. Danny Harris _ Harvest Fellowship
45. Sidney Webb – Stantonsburg
46. Bert Sapp – Shiloh, Fayetteville
47. Robert Ormond – Hodges Chapel
48. Tim Creel – Mount Olive, Pembroke
49. Oris Hubbard – Westmoreland
50. Jimmy Williams – Mt. Olive, Goldsboro

OTHER APPRECIATION GIFTS

$100 Bond For Largest Overall Giving – Pastor John Hedgepeth of the Northwood Temple Church

$100 Bond For Largest "GO" Percentage Increase ($500 minimum total offering) – Pastor Roger Banks of Missionary Holiness

$100 Bond For Largest Overall Per Capita Giving ($500 minimum total offering) – Has not yet been calculated

GLOBAL OUTREACH INCREASE OF AT LEAST $500.00

1. David Butts – Living Faith
2. Roger Banks – Missionary Holiness
3. Jack Edmundson – Tyndall Grove
4. Ed Woolard – New Hope
5. David Wheeler – Clinton
6. Julian Mayo – Pinetown
7. Jesse Blalock – Tarboro First
8. Charles Gentry – Pikes Crossroads
9. Jimmy Swinson – Peniel
10. L. B. Collins – Benson
11. Kenneth Dixon _ Bridgeton
12. Richard Parson – Saint John
13. Jimmy Barnhill – Midway
14. Phillip Bland – Bethany
15. Emmett Turner – Friendship, Wilson
16. Danny Nelson – Culbreth Memorial
17. Randall Reece – Saint Paul
18. Elton Bryan – Sanford First
19. Gary Strickland – Mount Carmel
20. Ken Milliken – Hope Mills
21. Fred Jones – Harvest Temple

NATIONAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE AND EXPO

March 20–23, 1995
New Heritage USA

Pastors' Schedule

Monday	
7:00-9:00	**Worship Celebration**
Tuesday	
9:00-10:00	**Session One**
10:15-11:15	**Session Two**
11:30-12:30	**Session Three**
2:00-4:00	**Discussion Forums**
The Becoming Church:	Chris Thompson
The Discovering Church:	Doug Beacham
The Exploding Church:	Dan Beller
7:00-9:00	**Worship Celebration**
Wednesday	
9:00-10:00	**Session One**
10:15-11:15	**Session Two**
11:30-12:30	**Session Three**
2:00-4:00	**Discussion Forums**
	As noted above
7:00-9:00	**Worship Celebration**
Thursday	
9:00-10:30	**Facing the Challenges of the New Technology**
11:00-12:15	**Bishop's Challenge to the Pastors**

Tracks of Training

Session I
Change or Die!
Planning Pastoral Preaching
The Pastor & Church Growth
Charting a Course for Selecting and Administering a Staff
The Pastor as Worship Leader

Session II
Managing Your Ministry (Practical Time Management)
Building a Pastoral Team
Pastoral Leadership
The Role of the Local Church in Missions
Pastoring When Your Own Family Is Under Siege

Session III
Discovering Your Destiny
Making a Minister out of Every Member
Applying OT Jewish Feasts to the NT Christian Calendar
Birthing a Vision
How to Successfully Integrate a Church

Your Presenters

Rev. Tony Atkinson
Change: Do It or Die!

Dr. Doug Beacham
Planning Pastoral Preaching

Dr. Dan Beller
The Pastor and Church Growth

Rev. Dwight Burchett
Selecting and Administrating Staff

Rev. Randell Drake
The Pastor as Worship Leader

Rev. Ron Dryden
Managing Your Ministry (Practical Time Management)

Dr. Dan Greenlee
Building a Pastoral Team

Rev. John Hedgepeth
Pastoral Leadership

Rev. Gordon McDonald
The Role of the Local Church in Missions

Rev. Joel McGraw
Pastoring When Your Own Family Is Under Siege

Rev. Quintin Moore
Discovering Your Destiny

Rev. Maurice Phelps
Making a Minister out of Every Member

Rev. Robert Shelley
Applying OT Feasts to the NT Calendar

Rev. Donavan Tinsley
Birthing a Vision

Chris Witt
How to Develop a Multi-racial Church

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:_____ Title:_____
Address:_____
_____
Age: ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-above
Church:_____
Size of Church: ☐ 0-75 ☐ 76-150 ☐ 151-300 ☐ 301-1000 ☐ 1001-up
Conference:_____

$40.00 Early Bird (before Feb. 15, 1995)
$50.00 Pre-registration (after this date)
$60.00 Registration at the door

Enclosed is my payment of $_____ made payable to I.P.H.C. to register me as a participant in the first National Pastors' Conference and Exposition, March 20-23, 1995.

Mail to: I.P.H.C.
Pastors' Expo Registration
P.O. Box 12609
Oklahoma City, OK 73157

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

There is a lot of excitement in Joyce Godwin's Sunday School class at Culbreth Memorial Church. They never know where they are going next – or what they are going to do. Sometimes they visit the shut-ins in the community and present an actual lesson as a part of their Sunday School Extension program. The lesson is presented during the Sunday School hour.

During Christmas they wore elves hats and carried poinsettias to the shut-ins and elderly. Pictured below they have taken off their hats as they visited Rev. Harvey Morris and presented him with a poinsettia. It was especially special that these youth remembered Brother Harvey, one of the greatest promoters of Sunday School in our denomination.

Thanksgiving was a wonderful time to be creative with the lesson in "the Cherubs Church" composed of 3 and 4 year olds. The children listened attentatively dressed in their Indian and Pilgrim headdress as Mrs. Godwin taught the lesson for the day.

For another activity of ministry, the children dressed as Biblical characters and presented a program for the shut-ins in their homes.

What are these children learning besides the Word of God? They are learning to put the **Word** into action. They are learning to **Witness.** They are learning what **"Go Ye"** means on a local level. They are sharing themselves with others. And what a blessing it has been to those in the community who have been visited by these little "ANGELS."

Pastor Danny Nelson, and the Culbreth Memorial Church are thankful for their dedicated and creative Sunday School Teacher! Mrs. Godwin is one of many such teachers throughout the Churches in our Conference. Teachers, we salute you for a job well-done.

Mrs. Godwin teaching the Thanksgiving Lesson

Poinsettias delivered to Rev. Harvey Morris

"Thanks" to CE Workers!

CE Workers Recognition Week/Sunday!
March 6-12

Sunday School, Royal Rangers, TEAM 2000, Children's Church, and other Christian education agencies are conducted each week by faithful and dedicated volunteers. They are not paid staff but rather are laborers who have donated hundreds of hours each year to teaching, leading, and supervising the Christian education ministries in the church.

Positive reinforcement, especially in the proclamation of a job well done, has always been a key factor in motivation. Select March 12 as the Sunday to show appreciation to your Christian education workers. Their contributions are valuable and are worthy of whatever means you may use to express your esteem.

These Christian education workers are laborers for Christ. They know that their labor of love has not gone unnoticed by Him. The question is, Does the church notice? Christian Education Workers Recognition Sunday provides an opportunity to show appreciation for the faithfulness of these very important individuals. It also provides an opportunity to increase the awareness of the congregation concerning the value of Christian leadership.

The following guidelines will help you in planning your recognition Sunday:

1. Present each Christian education worker with a special gift, such as personalized, inspirational Bible bookmarkers or a book on Christian education ministry. Engraved plaques or certificates may be presented as special awards for long tenure.

2. Compile a yearbook of written expressions of appreciation for each class of the Sunday school and Family Training Hour.

3. Set up a display featuring each Christian education agency of the church.

4. Print a photo directory of all Christian education workers, giving brief resumes and testimonials. (One issue of the church bulletin may be used for this.)

5. Sponsor a banquet to honor Christian education workers and their spouses. A special film on Sunday school, teaching or commitment may be shown.

6. Present workers to the congregation, giving their names and positions of service.

7. Schedule an open house for the Sunday school and Family Training Hour at which parents are given an opportunity to meet teachers and visit classrooms.

8. Secure a large banner with the words "Christian Education Workers Recognition Sunday."

9. Continue recognition and appreciation for Christian education workers throughout the year at special times, such as birthdays, anniversaries and for outstanding achievements.

Christian Education Workers Recognition Sunday is an important event. It provides an opportunity to say thank you to some very significant people. When leaders take the time to express positive appreciation, workers become more fulfilled in performing their duties. Recognizing workers will enhance the teaching-learning process considerably.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

These certificates are available free of charge from:

your
Conference Christian Education Department
or
Church Education Ministries
IPHC Ministries - Resource Development Center
P.O. Box 12609
Oklahoma City, OK 73157

Certificate of Appreciation

Acknowledging your contribution to the ongoing of God's Kingdom, the undergirding of the moral and spiritual fiber of our nation and the redemptive nature of your efforts to the individual,

the _____ Church

wishes to express sincere appreciation to you,

_____

For serving as _____ in our

Christian Education Department

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your selfless service and sacrifice as a Christian Education Worker

Presented this _____ day of _____ 19____

_____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Reprinted by permission from YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP magazine, Winter, 1991 Edition.

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library Wilson 04
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

(285.7)
P42

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 MARCH 1995 NUMBER 3

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."
Hebrews 2:3

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

COMMITMENT OF COMMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY

The words reverberate through my mind as never before, **"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."** (Hebrews 2:3) It is true that no other way leads to the eternal presence of the father except the way of the cross; the way of the "Great Salvation." However, I sincerely believe the emphasis of this text is for the believer. The responsibility is ours. We must get the message of the "Great Salvation" into all the world. We cannot "escape" the awesome task of being faithful witnesses to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Surely we must not neglect to believe the Gospel. Mark 16:15, **"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."**

In addition we must be faithful to defend the gospel. Philippians 1:7, **"Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace." "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."** Jude 3

Our responsibility does not end with believing and defending the Gospel. We must spread the Gospel. Note the activity of Acts 8:4, **"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word."**

We cannot escape our Lord's displeasure if we neglect any of these aspects of our relationship to the Gospel.

We cannot escape because God's Word commands us to evangelize the world. Psalm 2:8 promises, **"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."**

The burning heat of the intensity of the responsibility is emphasized in the experience of the Emmanus Road disciples. We find it in Luke 24: 45-48, **"Then open he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."**

When Jesus Christ became the Risen Lord, He summarized the imperative of The Great Commission: **"Ye shall be witnesses...unto the uttermost parts of the earth."**

My point is this. The "uttermost part" of the earth begins right where we are right now. You know, "bloom where you're planted."

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

There is no way we will influence our world for Jesus unless we start with our immediate surroundings. We cannot wait for that "dream church" or "golden opportunity." If we will not be faithful, effective witnesses for our Lord and His glorious Gospel with the location, resources and opportunities that belong to us now, it is extremely doubtful we will be any more effective under any other circumstances. The Lord has placed us right where we are on purpose. The community we live in, worship in, and work in needs The Gospel.

We must not neglect to give the "good news" to people we encounter in our daily life.

We cannot escape because our own indebtedness to the Gospel on one hand and our indebtedness to our hurting, unsaved community on the other hand obligates us. When the Apostle Paul was converted, the first question he asked was, "Who art thou, Lord?" After the Lord answered, Paul's next question was "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Jesus tells us in Acts 1:8, **"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses... . "** Not ye may witness, or you could witness, but ye shall witness.

We cannot escape if we neglect to spread the Gospel because the harvest field is so ripe, not only around the world but right around us in the community where we now live.

Are you doing your best to reach your community with The Gospel?

TEL

Reverend David McGhee

Pastor, Stanley PHC

Will Conduct Revival Services

April 23-27, 1995

at

Wilson First PHC

Wilson, NC

Sunday Services: 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Weeknights at 7:30 p.m.

Special Singing

Nursery Available

For Further Information, call: (919) 243-3487
Paul L. Loftin, Pastor

BELFAST P.H. CHURCH NEWS

Belfast Pentecostal Holiness Church held a weekend revival February, 10, 11, 12, with Evangelist Bryan Rogers of First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Kinston, a student at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

The church was full every night. People were being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Everyone who wanted a blessing got one! It was an old fashioned Holy Ghost fire falling revival. On Saturday night about 35 young people attended the service.

Brother Rogers is a young man and related well with the young people. He is a dedicated and sincere young man. Brother Bryan preaches the Word of God with simplicity, love, and anointing.

If you would like to have Brother Rogers at your church, you can contact him at 919-566-4680.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE APRIL 3-6, 1995 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday – April 3
7:30 p.m. . . . . .Rev. Edward Wood

Tuesday, – April 4
8:00 a.m. . . . . .Breakfast
9:30 a.m. . . . . .Alternative to Abortion, Rev. Marvin Whitfield
11:00 a.m. . . . . .Rev. Kenneth Kingrea
12:30 p.m. . . . . .Lunch
3:00 p.m. . . . . .Minister's Wives Fellowship
5:30 p.m. . . . . .Supper
7:30 p.m. . . . . .Rev. Ed Wood

Wednesday – April 5
8:00 a.m. . . . . .Breakfast
9:30 a.m. . . . . .WIN Program, Rev. Danny Nelson
11:00 a.m. . . . . .Rev. Ken Kingrea
12:30 p.m. . . . . .Lunch
12:30 p.m. . . . . .Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
5:30 p.m. . . . . .Supper
7:30 p.m. . . . . .Rev. Ed Wood

Thursday – April 6
8:00 a.m. . . . . .Breakfast
9:30 a.m. . . . . .Conference Programs, Superintendent Elwood Long
11:00 a.m. . . . . .Rev. Ken Kingrea
12:30 p.m. . . . . .Lunch
5:30 p.m. . . . . .Supper
7:30 p.m. . . . . .Rev. Ed Wood

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle. Spouses are invited to attend this special meeting this year. All other services will be held in the sanctuary of the Culbreth Memorial Church.

Rooms are available in the Conference dormitories—$12.00/night for School Building and $8.00/night for all other buildings. There is an additional $2.00 per person/night charge for three or more to the room. Rooms are rented on a first contact basis.

Meals will be served in the Cafeteria. The cost will be $2.50 for each breakfast meal and $3.25 for each lunch and supper meal.

Continued Education credit of one hour each morning session is available for credentialed ministers (total of 6 hours).

ASSISTANT PASTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Glad Tiding Church in Morehead City, N.C. is looking for an Assistant Pastor. Anyone desiring to interview for the job should contact Pastor Maurice Phelps at 919-726-0160.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Rev. H. M. Parson . . . . . Mar. 1
Rev. Peter Ribis . . . . . Mar. 6
Rev. Joseph Guthrie. . . . . Mar. 17
Rev. Robert Overton . . . . . Mar. 18
Rev. Cullen Gurganus . . . . Mar. 21
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard. Mar. 24
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown. . . . . Mar. 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart . . Mar. 29

Jay Stone

WHY A STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR?

- **7 OUT OF 10 DIE WITHOUT A WILL...**
  Statistics show that over 70% of all adults have not prepared a Will and Last Testament, telling their survivors of their wishes in distributing their estates. Many feel their possessions are too small to be considered an estate and thus a Will is not needed.
- **THE STATE DECIDES...**
  The distribution of your possessions if left to law will require the appointment of an administrator by the court, and needless expenses occur.
- **$100 MILLION DOLLARS LOST...**
  Each week over one hundred million dollars worth of estates goes through Probate Courts. A large portion of these dollars are swallowed up in court costs or taxes.
- **THE WILL**
  This document will dispense with unnecessary difficulties and expenses, and simplifies carrying out your wishes.
- **GIFTS TO THE LORD'S WORK...**
  Charitable institutions, loved ones, and others whom you intended to share in your estate may be excluded unless you state your desires in a properly drafted and executed Will.

To schedule a Stewardship Seminar, contact your Regional Planned Giving Offer, Jay Stone, at 3206 Byrd Circle, Hope Mills, North Carolina 28348, or call 910/425-5202.

NEWS RELEASE

Phil Mooring
Conference Men's Ministries Director

Promise Keepers...don't miss this!

God is raising up an army of men in our day who need to understand the times in which we live. God has given Promise Keepers both a vision and provision to help men across our nation and denomination to include His mission for today.

It's a move of God that has resulted in men surrendering to Jesus Christ, of men turning their hearts toward their wives and children, and of men who have reconciled broken promises, and have unity with their brothers in Christ.

The following are tentative sites and dates for 13 target cities in 1995. The conference sites and dates will be confirmed in February. Call now: 303-5421-2800 and get on the mailing list for **Promise Keepers** for further information and the '95 schedule.

CITY	DATE	CITY	DATE
Detroit, MI (Silverdome)	April 28-29	Atlanta, GA (Georgiadome)	June 30–July 1
Los Angeles, CA (LA Coliseum)	May 5-6	Seattle, WA (Kingdome)	July 7-8
Boise, ID (Boise Hawks Stadium)	May 19-20	Minneapolis, MN (Metrodome)	July 14-15
Washington, DC (RFK Stadium)	May 26-27	St. Petersburg, FL (Thunderdome)	August 4-5
Houston, TX (Astrodome)	June 2-3	San Francisco, CA (Oakland Coliseum)	September 29-30
Denver, CO (Mile-Hi Stadium)	June 16-17	Dallas, Texas (Texas Stadium)	Fall '95–TBA
Indianapolis, IN (RCA Dome)	June 23-24		

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

1 Corinthians 16:13, 14

A DAY WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ministerial Training

Module I . . . . 9:30-10:45 . . . . . Session One
2.5* . . . . . 10:45-11:15 . . . . . Break
Hours . . . . . 11:15-12:30 . . . . . Session Two
A.M. . . . . 12:30-2:00 . . . . . Lunch

Module II . . . . 2:00-3:15 . . . . . Session One
2.5* . . . . . 3:15-3:45 . . . . . Break
Hours . . . . . 3:45-5:00 . . . . . Session Two
P.M.. . . . . 5:00-6:30 . . . . . Dinner

Evening – Especially For Bi-Vocational Ministers

Module III . . . . . 7:00-9:00 . . . . . Session One
2 Hours*

DISTRICT	PLACE	HOST PASTOR	DAY/DATE
Rocky Mount/Wilson	Living Faith	David Butts	Thursday, April 20
Goldsboro/Raleigh	The First	Jimmy Whitfield	Tuesday, May 9
Lumberton/Whiteville	Whiteville First	Mickey Baysden	Tuesday, May 16
Greenville/Williamston	Greenville First	David Wood	Tuesday, May 23
Morehead City/New Bern	New Bern First	Greg Long	Thursday, May 25
Clinton/Fayetteville	Gospel Tabernacle	King E. White, Sr.	Tuesday, June 6

*This is the number of continuing education credit hours participants will receive.

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

"Spring is bursting out all over..." Something about the thought of springtime puts a song in my heart and on my lips. The browns of winter begin to change to the tender greens as the lawn comes to life again. The yellow daffodils gently lift their bright faces to welcome the new season. Growing up on a farm, one of my fondest memories of childhood is getting off the school bus to find my mother cutting eyes from seed potatoes to begin the garden. That, to me, was a sign of spring.

There is still a lot of that farm girl in me today. When the days begin to warm, the earth calls me. I enjoy "playing" garden. I don't have the emerald thumb my grandmother or my mother seemed to have, but there is something about spreading the dry, lifeless appearing seed in the soil that invigorates me.

I knew when we planted those seed potato eyes, they soon would sprout. I know when I plant the seed in the soil that soon what seems lifeless will make its way up to the fresh air and sunshine to produce a useful product.

The same is true in our planting of spiritual seed. It is exciting to plant gospel seed. Though the soil may seem unfit or the seed seem lifeless, as we continue to plant and water, God will give the increase. God will bring forth something or someone for His use and glory.

Those early memories of spring make me very sentimental. I often recall those days when our family worked together planting. Now the bodies of both my mother and father have been "planted" in the cemetery at Holly Hill. I will always miss them in this life. But just as surely as the tulip and daffodil will rise up from its bed in the earth, so shall they "...in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

No longer will our loved ones be the lifeless, seemingly useless lump of clay that we placed in the grave. They will be, like the beauty of the flower, glorified ... a witness of God's power.

So, this springtime, as we observe the beauty of the butterfly, the bursting forth of tender green sprouts on the trees, and the warming of the earth, let us remember to plant seeds of love and kindness that they may multiply and replenish the earth with the goodness and glory of God.

For Ministers' Wives...

SPREADING **SON**SHINE THROUGH WOMEN'S MINISTRIES was the theme of the 1995 NCWM Leadership Seminar which was held in January. Those WM council members who participated in those workshops enjoyed a day sprinkled with the SONshine of God's love and were trained in ways of spreading the light of Jesus through their ministries ... in the home, in the church, and in the community.

One special feature of the day of training was a workshop for Ministers' Wives facilitated by Mrs. Phyllis Harrell. As many ministers' wives were not present and many do read this publication, I want to share some excerpts from her presentation:

"SONSHINE is the answer to the darkness which pervades so many lives. SONSHINE will illuminate and warm the hearts of all people. No one in all the world is exposed to more darkness and personal pain than the minister of the gospel. And no one knows more about the needs and burdens he works to alleviate than his wife. As ministers' wives, we have the unique opportunity to respond quickly and early in the presence of hurt and need because of our informational edge. We are often the first persons on the scene of sickness, loss, crisis, and death. We are therefore positioned to be able to SPREAD SONSHINE immediately in difficult and painful circumstances.

SPREADING DOMESTIC SONSHINE – The hurts that hide behind the doors of homes of our church families are almost unlimited. As a ministers' wife, there is special confidence placed in us that allows someone to open up to us when she wouldn't trust anyone else. We can offer a shoulder to cry on or a smile to encourage. We can SPREAD SONSHINE into homes where shades are closed tightly to every other avenue of assistance.

SPREADING SONSHINE AS AN ENCOURAGER – A person on the wagon of discouragement can be pulled anywhere. Multitudes of people are unable to rationalize a plan of recovery, blinded to any positive possibility. They only think disappointing and discouraging thoughts. But the Bible says, "No temptation has taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." We can be encouragers with the confidence that all who trust this promise find it true and dependable. As ministers' wives, we can offer the Word of God as encouragement.

SPREADING SONSHINE TO THE NEGLECTED AND UNLOVABLE – Take their hands regardless of who they are or how they look or act, and love them unconditionally. They will in turn feel your love and respond. Place yourself in their position, and give them what you would desire. Love as God has loved you. Love is the most useful tool one can use in spreading SONSHINE to the imperfect of society.

SPREADING SONSHINE AS GOOD LISTENERS – Talking is therapy within itself. When a person needs desperately to share a burden, he/she must have a sympathetic listener. By being a good listener, you help others build self esteem. You help them to become persons of value and meaning. Allowing someone to talk to you who knows she can put utmost confidence in your confidentiality is a marvelous ministry.

SPREADING PUBLIC SONSHINE – The sun is indiscriminate in its shining. It is no respecter of persons. God's love is as universal as the sunshine. The ministers' wife could serve the community at large through established organizations and service groups. We can develop our own program of community services, such as visiting shut-ins, nursing homes, etc.

There is little or no excuse for darkness to prevail in a land so filled with Christian churches and such readily available gospel truth.

SPREADING INSTITUTIONAL SONSHINE – Jesus said, "I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me. Insomuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." God considers SPREADING OF SONSHINE a ministry to Himself. Hospitals, correctional facilities, rest homes, rehab centers, etc., are fertile soil for us to plant the love of God. Where some institutions limit visitation privileges, ministers' wives can often gain entrance through their husbands' work. Whether we gain entrance or not, we can reach into any institution by cards, letters, notes, etc.

SPREADING SONSHINE IN THE CHURCH SOCIETY – Of all places in this world where friendship, fellowship and support should abound, it should be the church. The minister's wife should pray for the Lord to give her not only a burden for hidden hurts within the church, but also a divine sense of awareness of the presence of such needs. The minister's wife should be regularly involved as participants in the total church program. Seek out places in your congregation to spread SONSHINE.

SPREADING SONSHINE TO OTHER MINISTERS' WIVES – Many times the minister's wife struggles with loneliness. This occurs because so much is given out and not enough taken back in. The frequent use of our virtue will leave us empty if we are not replenished. It is important to seek out each other as ministers' wives and offer SONSHINE in the form of a coffee break, lunch, shopping trip, or simply a phone call. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone who needs SONSHINE. In so doing, you will also receive SONSHINE.

PRAYER – Lord Jesus, I thank you today for the gift of emotions. Sometimes I misuse them, but with them I experience joy, peace, and love. Thank you for my mouth with which I can sing and tell of SONSHINE. Thank you for my eyes with which I can see Your marvelous SONSHINE. Thank you for my mind with which I can claim Your promises of SONSHINE. Accept me today as a shining light for You and may You be the SONSHINE of my life. Amen."

Senior Citizens Spring Outing Planned...

The NCWM Senior Citizens group will meet again on Thursday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m. This meeting will be at Holts Lake Barbeque-Seafood Restaurant located at 3508 US Hwy. 301-S, Smithfield, NC. At the fall meeting, the group submitted suggestions for a name for the group. A vote will be taken at this meeting to establish the group's identity. Lunches are moderately priced.

Following the lunch, the ladies can enjoy a shopping spree at Smithfield Pottery which is only a five-minute drive from the restaurant.

Mrs. Blanche Pollard, Mrs. Lois Bradshaw, Mrs. Katherine Lucas, and Mrs. Daisy Morris serve on the Senior Citizen Committee. They encourage each local church to see that their senior women are able to participate in this special outing.

GEMS – *Beautiful* GEMS *Sparkling in the Master's Care*

On April 9, our GEMS will sparkle all across the North Carolina Conference as they participate in their annual GEMS Day activities. This gives all of us the perfect opportunity to show our love for our girls by making **their** day very special. Please make a special effort to praise the efforts of all your girls as they share their accomplishments **and** recognize the dedication of the GEMS Coordinator and Sponsors in your church.

By now, we hope you and your girls have made plans to attend the 1995 NC GEMS Retreat. The retreat is scheduled for April 28-29. Our retreat this year is designed to minister to girls of all ages, as well as give them an opportunity to minister to each other. We look forward to retreat from year to year, and we would love for **all** our girls to participate. Whether you participate in the GEMS program or not, we welcome you to this retreat. Please contact any NC GEMS Board member for more information.

Thank you for your support of GEMS. As these girls grow in the Lord and bless us, also realize the blessing that you are to them!

Love and prayers,
Sandra

PINE LEVEL CHARTERS WM...

The Pine Level Church, which has recently joined our conference, chartered a Women's Ministries group in January. These women were already organized and ready to move into an active ministry program. Linda visited with them and presented the Women's Ministries program to them. They are eager to become an active part of NCWM. Mrs. Florence Pittman is the president. We welcome this beautiful group of ladies to North Carolina Women's Ministries.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME

1/2 cup of affection
1 tablespoon of courtesy
1 tablespoon sense of humor
1 cup of fidelity and mutual helpfulness
1 cup Bible reading, prayer and worship together. Season to taste with children.

Blend all these well together and let them slowly cook throughout the years to come. The result will be an unselfish, loyal, tender and loving home.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH...

Following is a membership growth idea which Mrs. Dollie Davenport, former NCWM President, shares:

TEN LITTLE MEMBERS

Ten little members standing in a line, One disliked the president; then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late, One forgot their promise; then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven, One lost enthusiasm; then there were seven.

Seven local members got into a fix, They quarreled over programs; then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive, One moved away; then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more, One became indifferent; then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree, Till one complained of meetings; then there three.

Three eager members, what will they do? One got discouraged; then there were two.

Two lovely members, our rhyme is nearly done, One joined a bridge club; then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue, Met with a neighbor; then there were two.

Two earnest members each enrolled one more, Doubling their number; now there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait, So each won another; then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed up sixteen more, In another six verses, there'll be one thousand twenty-four!

(Copied)

Get the idea, ladies? Don't be discouraged when and if your numbers get low. There are plenty of ladies who are waiting for your invitation to be a part, to belong! Reach out to the unchurched, to the unlovable. God wants to use YOU to reach that one. As each one reaches one, your numbers will increase – but most importantly souls will be reached for God.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1994 — A GOOD YEAR

The Lord blessed the Evangelism Department in 1994. Two churches were started – the Smyrna Church (average attendance 125) and the Evangel Hispanic (average attendance 35). Since January, 1995 two other new churches have come into the Conference or started. An independent church in Pine Level has joined the Conference (average attendance 150). Pastor Bobby West has gone back to the closed Hood Memorial Church and opened a new church, the Hubert First Church (beginning attendance 10).

Praise the Lord for these new churches. May the Lord give us more new churches in 1995 especially more ethnic churches (Hispanic).

The Conference statistics are still being sorted out for 1994. It looks as though we had a 3% gain in church membership (562), a 6% gain in Sunday School average attendance, and a 2% gain in morning worship attendance. Praise the Lord for these gains. May the Lord continue to increase the numbers. These numbers represent **Individuals and Souls.**

TARGET 2,000 GOALS

Year	Church Membership	Average A.M Worship	Average S.S. Attend. (sys. Bible Std.)
1995	21,300	15,000	12,168
1996	22,800	16,000	12,448
1997	24,600	17,250	12,846
1998	26,600	18,500	13,385
1999	29,000	20,250	14,068
2000	32,000	22,500	14,884

TOTAL CHURCHES

1995	168
1996	172
1997	177
1998	183
1999	190
2000	195

These goals reflect the three areas that are monitored by the General Church for growth and analysis purposes—Church Membership Average A.M.Worship, and Average Sunday School Attendance. These areas are reported monthly on the church's regular report forms. (The Sunday School number is either the actual Sunday School number **or** number of different people reached each week with Systematic Bible Study. For example – a church may have 80 in Sunday School and reach **another** 20 people in their Wednesday night attendance. Their total for the week would be 100.)

These are realistic goals but based on faith. May the Lord bless His people to reach these goals and more as His kingdom is built.

1995 TRAINING

The 1994 Quadrennial Conference directed the Evangelism Department to furnish training for churches and districts. Several opportunities are available for 1995. Forty-six individuals from the Conference attended the School of Evangelism in Charlotte in January. Dr. Owen Weston did an outstanding job with his topic "Revitalizing Churches." His tapes may be ordered from USA Evangelism, Oklahoma City, and the notes from Falcon at a cost of $10.00.

In March the General Church is hosting a National Pastors' School at New Heritage, Charlotte. This is billed to be an excellent training events for pastors and pastors' wives. The dates are March 20-23. Hopefully a good number will attend from the N.C. Conference.

The various District Evangelism and World Missions Units are planning training events for 1995. All the dates are not complete. Here is a partial list:

Lumberton District — St. Pauls Church
February 27-28, 7-9 p.m.
"Friendship Evangelism"

Rocky Mount District — Ebenezer Church
March 13-14, 7-9 p.m.
"Friendship Evangelism"

Faytteville District
M A C E A Convention
New Heritage, Charlotte
March 31 - April 1, 1995

Wilson District — Stantonsburg Church
May 19-20, Friday Night and Saturday Morning
"Growing In Love"

Williamston District — Robersonville Church
May 27, 9-12:30
Buffet Evangelism Training - E.E.,
Friendship Evangelism, and Growing In Love

Morehead City District — Glad Tidings Church
March 7 and 14, 7 to 9 p.m.
Ministry Boot Camps
Training — Assorted Classes for church workers

New Bern District — To be announced

Raleigh District — To be announced

Greenville District — To be announced

Wilmington District — To be announced

Goldsboro District — To be announced

Clinton District — Peniel Church
Saturday, May 6 – 9-1:00 p.m.
"Friendship Evangelism"

1994 – A MIRACLE YEAR

The North Carolina Conference has so much to be thankful for. The Conference has a rich heritage and is composed of faithful men and women. 1994 was the greatest year ever in World Missions Giving. Churches and individuals within the Conference gave a grand total of $778,794.27. PRAISE THE LORD. This is a 28% increase in two years over 1992's total ($520,053.84). These are phenomenal increases. The Lord is to be praised for His blessings, and our pastors and members are to be commended for their faithfulness.

In comparison with the other Conferences, North Carolina is #1 in total missions and USA Evangelism giving for the second year in a row. Other Conference totals were:

South Carolina	$646,980.84
Western N. C.	586,538.23
Appalachian	361,001.58
Sonshine	264,811.27

In last month's *Evangel* the pastors were listed who won trips to Israel. Pastor King White is to be added to this list. He was inadvertently left off. Congratulations, Pastor White.

51 pastors won appreciation gifts (bonds or Bibles) for their church's total missions and USA evangelism increasing by $500.00. Twenty-one pastors won appreciation gifts for their "GO" Offering increasing by $500.00 This is a fantastic number. It helps to explain why we had such a fantastic year. The Lord is at work across our church. The same type appreciation gifts will be given in 1995.

The Conference had four churches in the TOP 100 LIST of Denomination. Northwood Temple was #1 with a total of $82,286.98. They had a 35.2% increase over their 93 total of $60,864.69. To Pastor John Hedgepeth and the Northwood Temple members, we salute and congratulate you.

The Clinton Church was #4 within the denomination with a total of $45,403.00. This was an increase of 76.6% from $25,716.00—A fantastic increase. Congratulations, Pastor David Wheeler and congregation.

The Glad Tidings Church was #5 with a total of $44,980.90. This was an increase of 62.4% from $27,704.78. Congratulations to Pastor Maurice Phelps and congregation.

Gospel Tabernacle was #7 within the denomination. Pastor King White and congregation increase by 23.9% in their giving. They went from $29,507.70 to $36,548.79. Congratulations on a job well done.

Our highest church in Per Capita giving was the Middlesex Church with a Per Capita Giving of $197.63. Pastor William E. Price and church were #18 in the denomination. Congratulations! You make us proud and thankful.

We commend these other churches in their Per Capita Giving and their denominational ranking.

#22 Pinetown	$186.93 – Pastor Julia Mayo
#26 Missionary	$170.22 – Pastor Roger Banks
#28 Benson	$166.37 – Pastor L. B. Collins
#29 Clinton	$165.10 – Pastor David Wheeler
#31 Shiloh (Wilson)	$159.02 – Pastor Ralph Leggett

SPECIAL NOTE OF COMMENDATION

Pastor William O'Neal, Raleigh District Director, and pastor of the Evangel Church is to be commended for placing some 28 People to People children with his congregation since December 1. The North Carolina Conference leads the denomination in People to People Support and the number of children sponsored. In order to sponsor a child, individuals make a commitment of $18.00 per month. Children may be received from the Conference Office. Thank you, Brother O'Neal, for your support of the People to People program. May your burden spread

1995 GOALS

Total Giving	$800,000.00
Global Outreach	140,000.00
People to People	55,000.00
USA Evangelism	70,000.00
Goal for Child Sponsorships	275

1994 GOALS REALIZED

	Goals	Received
People to People	50,000.00	51,357.91
Global Outreach	120,000.00	126,503.99
USA Evangelism	50,000.00	64,470.59
Missions	575,000.00	705,305.68
Grand Total	625,000.00	778,794.27

NEW CHURCHES – RUSSIA

The World Missions Ministries is seeking Pastors and Churches to agree to plant new churches again this fall in Russia. Interested individuals should call Harold Dalton: 1-800-824-2000.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Annual Eastern Virginia Conference

People to People Golf Classic

Prince George Golf Club

Off Highway 460 near Petersburg, Virginia

Friday, March 31, 1995

7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Captains Choice — four person mixed teams

Registration $50.00 per person

Call Russell James

804-487-0872

Men's Ministries presents: An Idea **Just for Men!**

Together with Promise Keepers, Men's Ministries brings you books that will help you discover how to be the brother, son, husband, and father God created you to be.

- *What Makes a Man:* Find out from well-known Christian men such as Larry Crabb and James Dobson what Christlike masculinity looks like in areas such as marriage, business, your relationship with God, and personal identity. $17
- *The Masculine Journey:* Robert Hicks will help you get in tune with God's purpose for you by outlining six stages of masculinity – drawn from the six Hebrew terms for manhood – that reveal the vast resources God has invested in you as a man. $15, Study Guide $5
- *Margin:* For those living a dangerously overloaded life, Dr. Richard Swenson offers a prescription against "marginless living" employing contentment, simplicity, balance, and rest. $17
- *Daily Disciplines for the Christian Man:* Bob Beltz provides seven clear and simple steps that will enable you to tap into the power source of a daily walk with Christ. $8
- *Men Who Win:* Laced with vivid sports and business illustrations, this book by sportswriterturnedpastor Steve Lawson will help you get out of the rat race and into the *right* race – living for Christ. $15
- *What God Does When Men Pray:* If you desire to seek God's guidance and affect the world through group prayer, Bill Peel will give you encouragement, inspiration, and practical tips on how to start a men's prayer group. $5
- *Living in the Lions' Den:* If you are searching for an example of what it means to be a faithful Christian in an unfriendly environment, *Living in the Lions' Den* will help you develop a culture-changing faith that follows the example of the biblical character Daniel. Learn how to flourish and make a difference in your world! $10
- *Strategies for a Successful Marriage:* In this study guide for men only, Glenn Wagner and Dietrich Gruen will help you learn to set marriage goals, develop commitment, get one-on-one time with your wife, plan fun times, make God the focus of your marriage, and more. $6
- *Those Not So Still Small Voices:* With gentle humor and delightful storytelling skill, father-of-five Thom Hunter explores the joys and trials of Christian parenting through real-life tales that are poignant, bittersweet, and often profound. $9
- *How to Be Your Daughter's Daddy* and *How to Be Your Little Man's Dad:* Developed during the few short years author Dan Bolin had with his daughter before she died of leukemia, the ideas in these little books will help you to be the best dad your kids could ever have. $6 each
- *Brothers!:* One of the keys to a man's growth in Christ is to find men of like heart and become brothers, moving together toward the goal of Christlikeness. But this requires a degree of relational intimacy that doesn't come naturally to most men. This study guide will help you develop the skills you need to draw other men into deeper, more genuine relationships. And that can revolutionize your small group! $6
- *How to Handle Stress:* If you're looking for ways to reduce the amount of stress in your life, this booklet will help. You'll not only learn how stress works, but you'll discover what to do the next time you feel it creeping into your life. $2

To order call
800-541-1376

OR

Mail in your order to:
LifeSprings Resources
P.O. Box 9
Franklin Springs, GA 30639

QTY	Title of Book	Price Each	Total

*$0-$15 – $4.50; $16-$35 – $6.50; $36-$60 – $8.50;
$61-$85 – $11.50; $86-$140 – $13.50; $141-$200 – $17.50;
$200+ please call for shipping charges

Shipping *see table _____
Grand Total _____

Bill To
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
St. _____ Zip _____

Ship To (if different, must have street address)
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
St. Zip

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

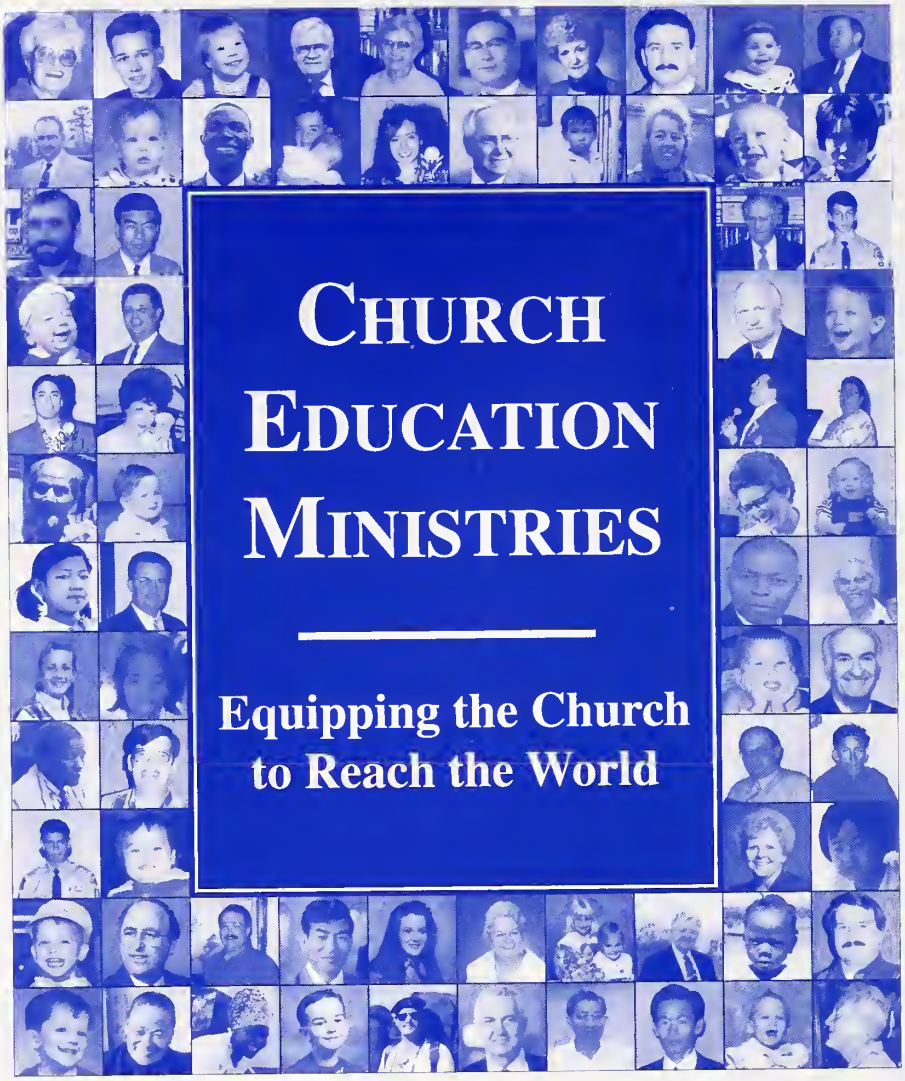
DEVELOPING Excellence IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1994

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	0	693	0	627	500
Glad Tidings	488	0	406	0	173	214
Kinston First	681	0	300	0	321	268
Mt. Olive LD	309	0	207	0	100	100
Gospel Tabernacle	432	40	196	44	345	284
The Capital	333	0	186	0	140	210
Tarboro First	214	25	179	16	233	145
Stedman	245	0	173	0	160	154
The First	360	0	166	0	140	118
Greenville First	255	0	165	0	130	89
Mt. Carmel	327	0	157	0	176	116
Shiloh WD	281	50	150	44	178	105
Pine Level	147	0	147	0		
Whitley	269	0	140	0	222	201
Lumberton	326	22	131	19	160	77
Wilson First	164	0	120	0	97	73
Bizzell Grove	160	40	116	34	95	44
Robersonville	183	3	116	3	136	106
Williamston	155	7	115	7	86	76
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	114	15	172	147
Harkers Island	126	0	110	0	65	70
Peniel	269	0	109	0	107	61
Chadbourn	197	3	107	0	154	88
Brentwood	120	0	106	0	128	141
Pikes Crossroads	199	0	105	0	145	73
Evangel	419	14	100	22	234	102
Bethany	159	8	97	23	109	61
Smyrna	105	0	97	0	73	79
Clinton	257	52	95	52	100	56
Millennium	169	0	94	40	90	45
Reelsboro	161	0	94	0	96	50
Eastside	201	77	94	28		
Belfast	107	0	91	0	90	89
St. Pauls	125	57	91	13	125	65
Harvest Temple	177	65	88	47	109	45
Hope Mills	150	30	86	25	80	34
Wallace	158	0	81	0	41	64
Roanoke Rapids	266	0	81	0	101	44
Living Faith Fellowship	120	0	80	0	83	61
St. Paul	130	0	75	0	25	24
Midway	141	31	74	27	81	32
Ebenezer	131	0	71	0	117	53
Rehoboth	137	0	71	0	60	43
Roper	124	0	69	0	105	58
Moores Chapel	102	0	69	0	72	48
New Bern First	126	12	69	11	90	43
Evangelistic Temple	210	0	69	0	140	77
Winter Park	71	0	69	0	83	90
Stantonsburg	180	0	68	0	109	42
Winterville	71	0	67	0	40	30
St. John	135	0	67	0	34	43
Mt. Olive	108	0	64	0	55	23
Selma	95	0	64	0		
Wilmington	142	0	63	0	142	29
Holly Hill	108	0	63	0	96	37
Baywood	184	0	62	0	120	30
Brocks Chapel	153	0	62	0	91	46
Whiteville	185	0	61	0	118	57
Trenton	96	0	59	0		
Gethsemane	154	0	58	0	45	35
Taylors Chapel	118	0	58	0		
Benson	127	20	57	22	50	52
Harvest Fellowship	128	0	57	0		
Thompson Chapel	104	0	57	0	59	35
Hamilton	83	0	56	0		
Bridgeton	79	0	56	0	0	0
Shelmerdine	121	15	56	15	64	71
Tyndall Grove	85	0	56	0	44	17
Westview	110	0	55	0	82	46
Ayden	61	0	55	0		
Spring Hope	58	0	54	0	53	55
Hollands Chapel	65	0	54	0	30	26
Hobgood	88	0	54	0	19	
Ahoskie	104	0	54	0	59	26
Grace Community	147	0	53	0	137	48
Sharon	98	0	53	0	43	27
Sanford First	94	0	52	0	49	36
Jacksonville	69	0	52	0	55	47
Manleys Grove	128	0	52	0		
Emmanuel	91	0	51	0	50	36
Graham Memorial	100	0	49	0	54	28
Thunderswamp	102	0	48	0		
Red Springs	70	43	48	0	0	0
Nakina	62	0	48	0		
Trinity RMD	89	0	48	0		
New Vision	56	0	47	0	37	26
St. Matthew	73	0	47	0		
Niagara	138	0	46	0	40	26
Carson Memorial	78	0	46	0	65	37
Tabernacle	82	0	46	0	68	41
Trinity CD	130	0	45	0	50	24
Missionary	37	0	45	0		
Faith GD	67	0	45	0	41	34
Kenly	87	0	44	0		
Elizabethtown	61	20	43	13	10	5
Boardman	287	0	42	0	205	21
Thomas Chapel	126	0	42	0	66	22
Warsaw	68	0	42	0	40	11
Living Waters	73	10	41	10	89	27
Friendship WD	89	0	41	0	58	32
Scotland Neck	71	71	41	69	34	40
Weldon	66	0	41	0		
Bethel	86	0	40	0		
Albritton	160	20	40	16	93	31
Smithfield	60	0	39	0	60	12
Westmoreland	111	26	39	20	68	31
Jones Grove	54	0	39	0		
Heritage	59	0	39	0	72	48
Shiloh FD	78	0	39	0	0	
Garland	61	0	37	0		
Sims	66	0	36	0	0	0
Clayton	58	0	36	0	16	13
Aberdeen	67	0	36	0	50	26
Gospel Net Ministries	101	0	35	0	18	14
Hodges Chapel	79	0	35	0		
Vaughans Chapel	104	0	35	0		
Lyon Memorial	86	0	35	43		
Goshen	70	0	34	0	36	29
Bailey	63	0	34	0	44	22
Hopewell	33	0	34	0	30	37
The Genesis	59	0	33	0		
Faith WD	57	48	32	45	0	
Snow Hill	141	0	32	0		
Washington	44	0	32	0	12	14
Maranatha	38	0	31	0	20	25
Lowland	38	0	31	0	28	15
Oak Ridge	64	0	31	0	28	19
Penderlea	68	0	30	0		
Vanceboro	40	0	30	0		
Abbottsburg	41	0	30	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	52	0	29	0	27	20
Shekinah	65	0	29	0		
Lamm's Grove	63	0	29	0		
Calvary Temple	42	0	28	0	22	25
Liberty	43	0	28	0		
Farmville	34	18	27	18		
Wades Point	64	0	27	0		
New Hope	34	0	26	0		
Goose Creek	43	0	25	0	26	20
Alliance	46	0	23	0	49	15
Black Creek	45	0	22	0		
Abundant Life	23	0	22	0		
Calvary LD	19	0	21	0		
Alert	67	0	21	0	28	11
Merritts Chapel	60	0	21	0		
Grifton	84	0	21	0	41	17
Warrenton	36	0	21	0	22	16
Family Worship Center	25	0	20	0		
Swanquarter	22	0	19	0		
Christian Chapel	26	0	17	0	0	
Pinetown	20	0	16	0		
New Life	27	0	15	0		
Sonlight	15	0	14	0	15	9
Crystal Coast	36	0	14	0		
Lighthouse	21	0	14	0		
Plymouth	20	0	14	0		
Belhaven	13	0	13	0		
Middlesex	22	0	13	0		
Windsor	13	12	10	9		
Vicks Chapel	15	0	8	0		
Wakelon	18	0	7	0	0	
Pine Valley	0	0	3	0		
Trinity NDBD	7	0	2	0		
Total:	20,556	864	10,847	750	9,700	6,459
Average:	126	5	67	5	85	59
Count:	163		163		114	109

Easter CE Emphasis Offering



April 16, 1995

Mail your offering to:
Christian Education Department
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 | APRIL/MAY 1995 | NUMBERS 4, 5

You're Invited

1995 FALCON CAMP MEETING

June 11 – June 18

Evening Speakers

Rev. Jimmy C. Whitfield
Sunday – Wednesday Nights
7:30 P.M.

Dr. Jesse D. Simmons
Thursday Night
7:30 P.M.

Rev. Elvio Canavesio
Friday – 7:30 P.M.
Saturday – 7:30 P.M.
Sunday – 6:00 P.M.

–Special Events–

*9:30 A.M. – Devotional Services
Monday – Thursday

*11:00 A.M. – Bible Class
"Jesus in the Pentateuch"
Instructor: Chris Thompson
Monday–Thursday

*Friday – Promotional Conference

*Saturday A.M. – Christian Education Convention
P.M. – Youth Service

*Sunday P.M. – World Evangelism Service

*Special Singing at Each Service

****

Rooms Available
Meals Available
All Sessions to be held in the
J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle
Hwy. 82, Falcon, NC

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

THERE.....AND EVERYWHERE!!!!!!

With The Superintendent

The year, 1995, a refreshing challenge, began the very first day on a positive note. The Pine Level Pentecostal Holiness Church was officially organized. Assistant Superintendent D. Chris Thompson and Christian Education Director, Bobby Forehand assisted me on this grand occasion. Pine Level Church is now being served by Pastor Chris Rooks.

The uplifting excitement of the day was far from ended when we left Pine Level. A lovely winter Sunday afternoon with enough breeze to make some people enjoy a hat was ours to enjoy. Brother Thompson and I joined Pastor Richard Robinson and a large gathering of the Baywood Church people for a groundbreaking in preparation for one of the prettiest sites you could ever behold for a new church building location. The Baywood congregation, formerly Person Street, currently worships at the Howard Johnson's at the Cedar Creek exit off I-95 South in Fayetteville. The new location is just north of Fayetteville to the right of the I-95 north bound lane. You will want to see it.

The School of Evangelism at New Heritage, USA, was one of the best yet to be sponsored by the General Evangelism Ministries of this church.

It is always good to get away for rest, planning for the year's work, etc. Sylvia and I had a three-and a-half-day retreat during which we visited Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City and heard Youth Pastor Terry Barts preach. He delivered an inspiring message.

Approximately 8,400 ministry miles this first quarter have included visits to several conference churches for various events. Some of those churches are Reelsboro, Bailey, Living Waters, Midway, Mt. Carmel, Maranatha, Micro, Faith (Greenville District), Jacksonville, Hollands Chapel, Trinity (Dunn), Evangel, and Vaughan Chapel.

We have enjoyed the fellowship with our ministers and their families. We have a great group of precious people. The minister and his family are under the attack of satanic forces in an ever-increasing way. We must keep a wall of protection around each other as we march forward in faith with the vision the Holy Spirit has planted within us to see the multiplying and discipling of believers to be a matter of extreme priority. We are fighting a defeated foe. We are "more than conquerors" through Jesus Christ, our Living Lord.

In addition to visiting the ministers and their families in the churches and in their homes, we have experienced a vital relationship as ministers and their spouses have met with us in Wilmington and Lumberton. The crowning experience in this regard was the annual Ministers and Spouses' Retreat held at Howard Johnson's in Fayetteville

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

the middle of February. It was a gracious time of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon us individually and corporately. All our clergy and their spouses need to avail themselves of this magnificent opportunity. Please make plans to attend next year's Retreat.

Of course, the opportunity to minister in a hospital setting does not come to me with the frequency I experienced in the twenty-seven years I spent in the pastorate. The events of the last three months have taken me to Cape Fear in Fayetteville, Wake Medical Center, Pitt Memorial, Wayne Memorial in Goldsboro, and Duke in Durham.

I attended the funeral services of Mr. Elbert Whitman of the Mount Olive area and Mrs. Mary Stone of the Golden Year's Home in Falcon. Mr. Whitman was the father of Mrs. Joyce (Marvin) Whitfield of Clinton. Sister Stone was the widow of Rev. J. B. Stone and the mother of Brother Jay Stone, Regional Planned Giving Officer of the IPHC and mother of Mrs. Joyce (Bobby) Collins. I worked with Pastor David Wheeler and former Conference Superintendent J. Doner Lee in the funeral of our eldest ministerial member, Brother Hubert Matthew Pope. We miss him. Please continue to hold up his dear widow, Dorothy, in your prayers.

Evangelism Appreciation Banquets, Mission Meals, and General World Missions Board Meetings, six conference-wide goal setting workshops, Conference Board Meetings, Evangelism, Missions and Christian Education Board Meetings have kept my life and ministry free of boredom.

The enthusiastic rallying spirit of a Northwood Temple fund-raising banquet (they're building a huge and commodious Family Life Center) was awe-inspiring.

Sunday afternoon, March 12, was a perfect harbinger of spring. The clear Carolina sky was the lustrous canopy for the Ground Breaking ceremony of Evangelistic Temple in Cary. A siteful masterpiece of corner property on Kildaire Farm Road has been purchased for the relocation from the present facility. This area is one of the fastest growing housing locations in the Triangle, as well as in the state. God is doing marvelous things among the people of this body as Pastor Ray J. Ward leads them.

The quiet beauty of Royal Rangers in action was evident as we gathered in the dainty and picturesque fellowship hall of the Moores Chapel Church to honor the Royal Rangers leaders of the Wilson District. My, what an excellent meal too. I enjoyed speaking to them.

The Falcon Children's Home ATA Retreat in Myrtle Beach was a highlight of the quarter. This is a ministry worthy of the attention and support of all.

General Secretary-Treasurer M. Donald Duncan and his office personnel hosted a terrific Stewardship Seminar. North Carolina Conference Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Gary Strickland and I plus a good number of our conference people were blessed and well instructed.

The wedding of George and Nadine Wilson was a precious time. The sanctuary of the Burlington Church and a lovely place called Occasions (dinner-reception) was the setting for this gala event. Brother Wilson of the Clinton First Church is active in so many ways in this great church. He serves with me on the General World Missions Ministries Board. Nadine, a gracious person, is sister to Western North Carolina Conference superintendent, Tommy McGhee. The Wilsons are a choice couple. They are a valuable asset to this conference and denomination.

I don't want to bore you with all the details: hundreds of telephone calls and mail correspondence along with 339 pastoral visits and consultations in the office and other locations.

I honestly believe the crowning event of the quarter had to be the first National Pastors' School at New Heritage, USA. If you were not there, you need to secure the tapes. If you were present, I don't need to say more. It was one fantastic event. To God be the glory!

I thrilled with joy as the month of March closed with me sitting in the tabernacle at Falcon on a Friday evening. The little ones' Bible Quiz finals was underway. I praise God for the Word that is being sown into these young lives. I believe every church should experience Junior and Teen Bible Quiz participation.

On Saturday, March 25, representatives from all our churches were invited to a special conference session to consider campus improvements. Without a dissenting vote, the body chose to proceed with the project in two phases. Phase One will include the erection of a new Cafeteria/Training Center and the refurbishing of the School Building Dormitory. Phase Two will include refurbishing the Beige and Blue Dormitories. These improvements are illustrated on the next page.

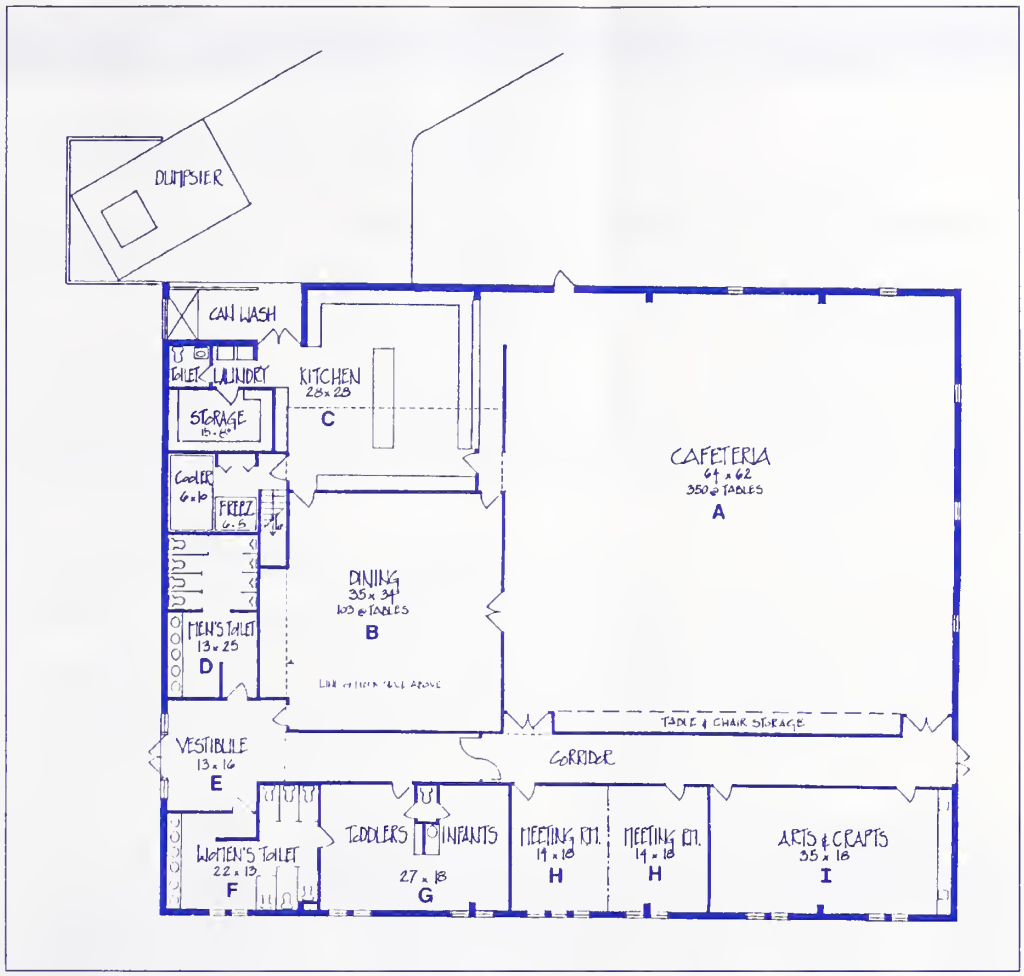
(continued on page 4)

Proposed Cafeteria/Training Center

Proposed School Building /Dorm

Proposed Cafeteria/Training Center

A. Cafeteria
B. Dining
C. Kitchen/Storage
Cooler – Freezer
D. Men's Toilet
E. Vestibule
F. Women's Toilet
G. Toddlers/Infants
H. Meeting Rooms
I. Arts & Crafts



Floor Plan –
10,190 Sq. Feet

Blue Dorm Beige Dorm

CHURCH NEWS

EVANGELISTIC TEMPLE RELOCATES

The last Sunday in April 1978, a small group of Pentecostal Holiness People, filled with vision and a willingness to build the Kingdom, began meeting in the band room at East Cary Junior High School in Cary, North Carolina. From the beginning the work was destined for success. It was not long before property was purchased and a building program began under the supervision of the Evangelism Department of the North Carolina Conference. The first worship service in the new building was August 24, 1980.

Evangelistic Temple has been a progressive church and relevant to its surroundings from the beginning. Due to tremendous growth in the Cary area, as well as the church itself, the initial Church property was sold in May of 1994 in order for the Church to pursue its ministry and vision for the Cary area.

On March 12, 1995, Conference Superintendent Long, Pastor Ray Ward, and Evangelistic Temple Church gathered on their newly purchased 14 acres four miles south of their present location for their Ground Breaking Celebration. The weather was perfect; God's Spirit was real; and the Church was filled with excitement and joy as they looked forward to the future.

The Celebration began with greetings and welcome from Pastor Ray. The Church joined in worship and praise to the Lord for His blessings and bringing us to this hour. Don Lee shared the History of E.T. Brother Long encouraged our hearts with a special Word and then led us in our Ground Breaking. Everyone present was aware that the Spirit of God was confirming the direction, and wonderful things were ahead for this Body. As Don Lee stated in the history of Evangelistic Temple: "The Church was not started from a division but a need." Evangelistic Temple continues to minister to the needs of the Cary Area.

Construction on the first phase of construction will begin the first of May with a $1,000,000 Family Life Center and recreational area. Future plans consist of a Sanctuary and additional Education Buildings.

NEW SCHEDULE DAY WITH SUPERINTENDENT

DATE	DISTRICT	PLACE/PASTOR
Thursday April 20	Rocky Mount/ Wilson	Living Faith David Butts
Tuesday May 16	Lumberton/ Wilmington	Whiteville First Mickey Baysden
Tuesday June 6	Clinton/ Fayetteville	Gospel Tabernacle King White
*Thursday June 8	Goldsboro/ Raleigh	The First Jim Whitfield
*Thursday June 22	Morehead City/ New Bern	New Bern First Greg Long
*Tuesday June 27	Greenville/ Williamston	Greenville First David Wood

*Note - change in date

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Rev. Samuel Williams ..... April 16
Rev. Jettie Parker ..... April 24
Rev. Elton Lancaster ..... April 27
Rev. Mrs. Georgia Osborne ..... April 28

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Rev. R. N. Hood ..... May 19
Rev. Garland Edwards ..... May 20
Rev. W. M. Watkins ..... May 20
Rev. Thomas E. Bizzell ..... May 21
Rev. Leonard Leggett ..... May 25
Rev. Royce A. Beacham ..... May 29

Ninety-Sixth
1900-
1995
Anniversary

1995 FALCON CAMP MEETING

JUNE 11-18, 1995

CLUBRETH AUDITORIUM
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
6:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Rev. Jimmy Whitfield

MONDAY, JUNE 12
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
Joe Russell, Jr
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
– Jimmy Whitfield

TUESDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
Joseph Guthrie
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Jimmy Whitfield

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
H. P. Woodard
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – Full-Time Evangelists' Lucheon
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Jimmy Whitfield

THURSDAY, JUNE 15
8:00 A.M.– Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
Everette Eatmon
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – Superannuated
Ministers' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.– Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Falcon Children's
Home Emphasis
Message: Dr. Jesse Simmons

FRIDAY, JUNE 16
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Promotional Conference
Dr. Jesse Simmons,
Presiding Officer
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – 1995 Superannuated
Ministers' Luncheon
3:30 P.M. – Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Elvio Canavesio

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Conference Christian
Education Convention
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Youth Emphasis
Director Bobby Forehand
Message: Elvio Canavesio

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
Rev. Bobby Forehand
11:00 A.M. – Worship
Superintendent Elwood Long
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
3:30 P.M. – Singspiration
Director David Wheeler
4:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:00 P.M. – World Evangelism Emphasis
Director Chris Thompson
Message: Elvio Canavesio

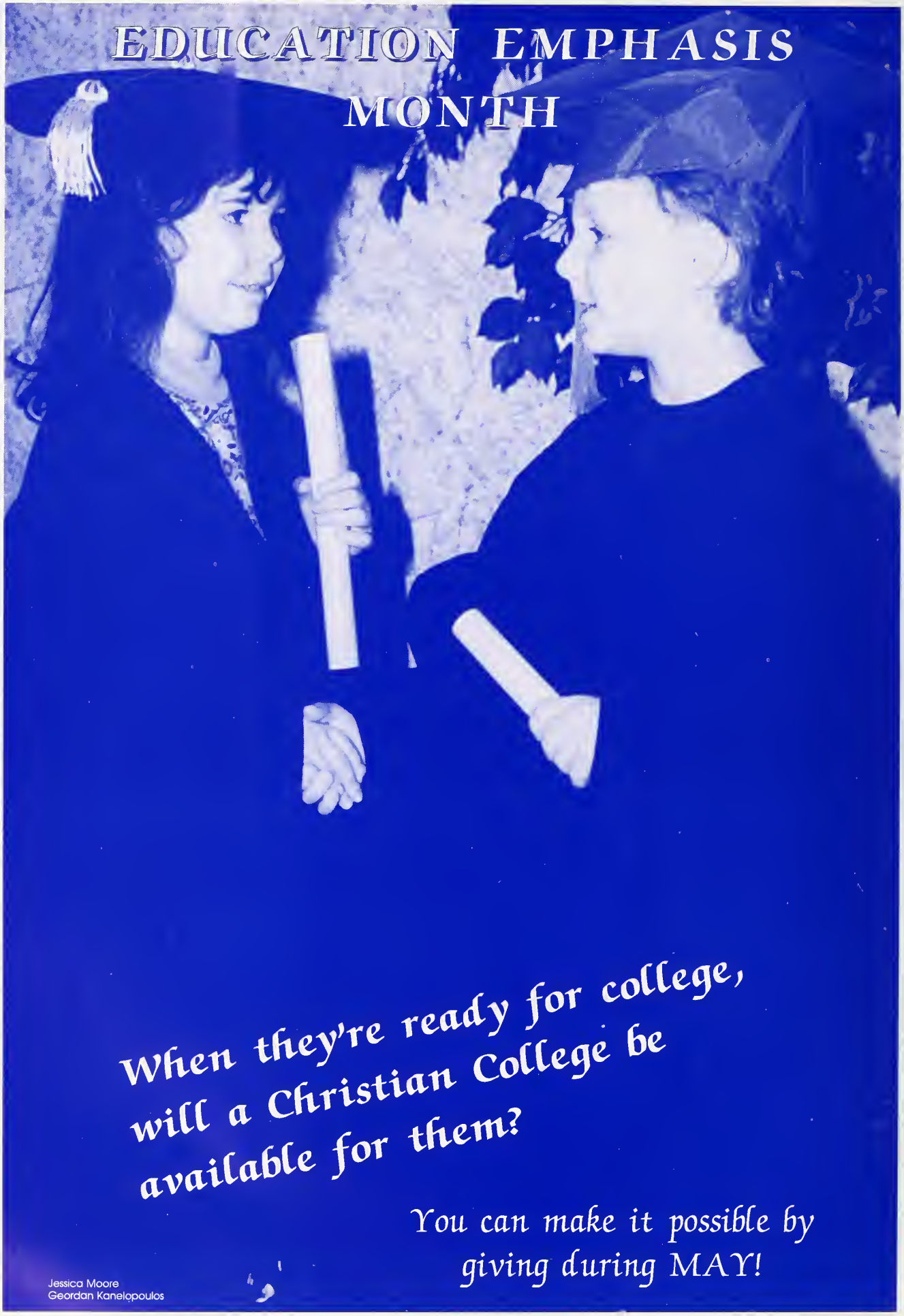
50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF REV. & MRS. R. N. HOOD

A commemorative service was held at the Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church fellowship hall on Sunday, March 12, 1995, at 7:30 P.M. in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Reverend and Mrs. R. N. Hood. The couple renewed their wedding vows with Reverend Raymond Whitehurst, pastor, officiating. After the vows and prayer, there was a musical presentation of, "Tho Autumn's Coming On," and a sing-a-long "Through It All" with the guests. Family members and friends expressed their love and appreciation to the Hoods.

Following the service, a reception was held in celebration of the occasion. Navy Chaplain LCDR Vince Arnold greeted guests and provided bulletins. Mrs. Amy Ingram presided at the register. The three-tier cake was served by Mrs. Angie Foley, and Mrs. Janet Switzer served punch. Mrs. Jean Whitehurst, Mrs. Ruth Foley and Mrs. Teresa Arnold presided at the food tables.

A photograph center was provided featuring a Showboard of pictures beginning before their marriage, along with pictures of their parents and siblings. Also, featured were pictures through time with their children and grandchildren as well as events during Reverend Hood's ministry. That was interesting and enjoyed by all.

Reverend and Mrs. Hood were married on March 13, 1945 in Jacksonville, North Carolina. They have three children: Greg of Corpus Christi, Texas; Larry of Matthews, North Carolina; and Beverly of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.


EDUCATION EMPHASIS MONTH
When they're ready for college, will a Christian College be available for them?
You can make it possible by giving during MAY!
Jessica Moore
Geordan Kanelopoulos

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

"He Lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus lives today." Easter – the day of resurrection – the day of celebration of our LIVING LORD.

Aren't you glad that we know a living Savior? I often think of the pitiful plight of so many around the world today who are depending on the gods of this world, only to find their lives void of meaning and their needs unmet.

In this season, I am reminded of the great sorrow that must have encompassed the followers of Christ as they saw Him nailed to Calvary's cross and watched Him die there. After having been so closely associated with Him for three years, walking in His shadow, sleeping in His presence, absorbing His words – how terribly hurt they must have been to see Christ wrapped in grave clothes and the stone rolled to seal the grave.

The loneliness and void that covered their existence during those hours must have been devastating. They must have wondered if all were gone from them . . . if all their work had been in vain. Yet, through it all, they banded themselves together, perhaps for the purpose of consolation.

But on the third day, Jesus arose from the bier upon which His lifeless body had been placed. He arose in NEW LIFE. The stone was rolled away and out of the grave He walked. Soon afterward He presented Himself to His followers, and they rejoiced to see Him alive! Some didn't recognize Him; some doubted Him; but not for long, for He proved Himself to them before He ascended to Heaven.

Have there been times in your Christian experience when you felt that Christ was dead? Have you had days when you felt the gloom of the grave in your spirit? If we are completely truthful, I expect most of us would have to admit that we have. We tend to seal Him in the tomb still today. Yet, the fact is Christ is alive and available to us.

So often we, just as the disciples, fail to recognize Him and even doubt Him. He comes to us in many ways – through His Word, through our friends, through the daily blessings of life – and yet we fail to see Him.

Just as the disciples mourned while Christ was in the grave, we find ourselves feeling deserted, wondering if all is in vain, sometimes to the point of near depression. But, Child of God, take hope. JOY COMES IN THE MORNING! As soon as we again recognize Christ for who He really is, hope and strength are restored. Our spirits are rejuvenated as He proves Himself to us time and time again.

When Christ left the disciples, He promised them a Comforter. Just as was promised, the Comforter came with power to the believers. So it is that with joy in our hearts and hope in our lives we can sing, "He lives, He lives, Christ lives today. He walks with me and talks with me, Along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART!"*

**He Lives,*
Ackley, Rodeheaver Company.

FOCUS ON GEMS . . .

April is the month of much GEMS activity. GEMS week is observed this year April 2 through April 9. GEMS Sunday is on April 9. GEMS Retreat & Convention is April 28 & 29.

The GEMS program is alive and well in the North Carolina Conference. Under the direction of Mrs. Karan Barnhill and the previous GEMS Board, this program was birthed among the churches here. At the present time, Mrs. Sandra McCandless and her board members are doing a wonderful job nurturing the GEMS groups which were already organized and very busy organizing new groups throughout the Conference.

What is GEMS? GEMS (Girls Entering the Master's Service) is a special ministry provided for girls through the Pentecostal Holiness Church. This ministry is the responsibility, the opportunity, and the privilege of the Women's Ministries of the local church. It is a means of investing in the lives of the girls and instilling in them Christian principles through Biblical teaching. The ultimate purpose of the program is to lead girls to Christ and His service. Methods of meeting this purpose are provided through curriculum, achievement, counseling, and group activities.

The GEMS curriculum is divided into six age groups: Treasurers, Young Creations, G'ettes, Alphas, Betas, and PARS. Literature which provides weekly material is available for each age group from Falcon Gospel Book Store.

If your church does not have a GEMS program, you are missing a golden opportunity for training girls for Christian service. Not only will this program minister to your current enrollment of girls, but it will be an outreach for your church as your girls begin to bring friends, and their families learn of your church program.

The program can be adapted to small or large groups. There are great possibilities for ministry as dedicated women take on the role of sponsors for the groups.

You are invited to take a look at the GEMS program if you do not have one organized in your congregation. Sandra will be more than happy to visit your church and present the program and assist you in organizing. Just give her a call at 919-244-0550. You'll be glad you did!

GEMS NEWS

The Wilson WM and GEMS held a District Rally on Saturday, January 14. Special musical guests, *Praise Unlimited* from Jacksonville, presented a Spirit-filled program and devotion that was a blessing to all. Special thanks to Rose Hubbard and Diane Bunn for making this rally such a success.

Susie Carter planned a special district rally for the New Bern District GEMS on Saturday, February 25, to celebrate God's LOVE. The program consisted of GEMS from all the churches represented presenting their own special talents. These talents included a skit from Holly Hill GEMS, a musical drama from Friendship GEMS, and a vocal solo from New Hope Church. A Love Feast with fellowship following concluded the rally. Everyone went home feeling more loved and ready to share God's love with others.

The GEMS board members have been visiting with churches all across the conference organizing new GEMS. Grace Community, Tyndall Grove, Wallace, Millenium, and Ahoskie (to name a few) have recently started (or restarted) their GEMS program.

A SPECIAL INVITATION ...

Calling all treasure hunters ...

On April 28-29, GEMS from all over the North Carolina Conference will gather together to search for (and find) treasure at the 1995 NC GEMS Retreat. There will be treasures galore for all who seek. We have lots of activities planned, including some very special guests. We hope that you will join us for a very special time with our GEMS. We ask you all to remember us in your prayers during this retreat.

Sandra McCandless
NC GEMS Director

PROMOTING INTEREST ...

Fund-raising is one of the concerns of Women's Ministries groups in order to assist our church schools, children's home, missions, and even local projects. Perhaps one of the following suggestions will bring your group new enthusiasm.

TALENT DOLLAR CONTEST – Each member is given one dollar from the local treasury and charged to increase her "talents." At the end of a given time, she turns in the increase. A fitting reward is given to the woman bringing in the greatest increase.

POT LUCK SUPPER/INTERNATIONAL SUPPER – Ask each lady to bring a dish of food. (For international supper, it should be some dish representative of another country.) Rent a Christian film to be shown following dinner. Each lady should invite two ladies who do not usually attend. You can either sell tickets or charge for each plate. (This might be a good opportunity to have "Men's Night" or "Family Night.")

AT-HOME TEA – Ask each lady to purchase a small box of tea bags (may prefer coffee individual filter packs) and send one to friends with an invitation to enjoy the tea (or coffee) and send donation for a certain project. You might want to make up a little poem or rhyme relative to your project. Be sure to send your return address.

JOY THROUGH MINISTRY ...

The General Women's Ministries quadrennial theme is JOY THROUGH MINISTRY. For 1995 the sub-theme is JOY THROUGH INTIMACY. The recommended study course for 1995 is *Intimacy With God*, a devotional study by Cynthia Heald. This is a beautiful study of Psalms. It is designed for individual study but could be done on an individual basis and then discussed at monthly meetings.

The book is available through Falcon Gospel Book Store.

DATES TO REMEMBER ...

May 4 – National & Conference Day of Prayer
June 3 – NCWM Convention in Falcon

Lines From Linda . . .

I recently received in my mail a newsletter regarding National Day of Prayer which is observed in May. This year that day will be observed on May 4th. I was impressed with materials included in the newsletter and wholeheartedly agree with the concept of prayer for our nation.

One of the articles which was included really caught my attention. It was entitled, "How To Intercede For Influential Men."* The writer emphasized that people of importance make key decisions and shape the course of history. Sixteen specific position people were cited as key leaders who need our daily prayer: President of United States; two U.S. Senators from our state; U.S. Congressman from your district; Governor of our state; State Senator from your district; State Representative from your district; and nine Supreme Court Justices.

The writer went on to offer a list of suggestions made by Rev. Charles Stanley as to how to pray for these individuals.

Being from a very politically active background myself – my husband is a former State Senator and I currently serve as an elected member of my county Board of Education – I was most interested in Rev. Stanley's positive approach. All of his suggestions were scripturally based and respectful toward the authority and position of such key leaders.

As I continued to read through this newsletter, it came clearly to me how far offtrack many Christians are in their approach to leaders with whom they do not agree. I turned to God's Word in I Timothy 2:1 & 2 and read, "I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

I reflected back on so many occasions in recent months when I have been in the presence of churched people who were in conversation about one or the other of these key position people.

I have been very saddened to hear these people resort to degrading tactics, quoting politically biased talk-show hosts, and using heresay in presenting their opinions about such people. Political rhetoric is rampant in the church world. It is very alarming to me.

I will readily admit that I am probably more sensitive to this kind of conversation that the ordinary lay person would be – because I have been there! But I truly wonder how Christ must feel about His Body when we promote this type of activity in the church.

I believe it is time for us, as Christians, to take inventory. Have we tried to take things into our own hands – in our own way instead of following God's prescription?

We are living in perilous times, as God's Word says we will. But change will not come through propaganda or political parties. Does the scripture not teach us our weapons of warfare? Hard things come by fasting and prayer. We can't fight the enemy with his own weaponry. Just as the King's armor was not suitable for David in his battle against Goliath, neither is political slandering the proper weaponry for the Christian.

The answer to our dilemma today will not be found in activist groups or block voting. Our weapon against the evil that abounds is in being obedient to God's way.

Be reminded that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." This is a source that the governments of this world cannot conquer. This is the hard place that can only be conquered through fasting and prayer.

When we are tempted to speak negative and divisive statements regarding those in authority over us, would it not be better to use that energy to whisper a prayer in their behalf?

Wonder what change would be wrought if all the time that is spent in derogatory commentary were spent in prayer?

Let's do our part to move the Pentecostal Holiness Church in the direction that God has prescribed for the church.

**Excerpted from The Rebirth of America, Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation.*

GEMS

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!! Twenty-first century! Turn of the century! While in the last century! These are expressions I will experience in my lifetime. Recently, while engaged in a conversation with a friend, we attempted to peer into our feelings of this mark in time. We agreed that it is one of those special events of a lifetime. There is a desire within all to usher ourselves through such a threshold with great emphasis. GEMS is an opportunity for such an emphasis. Just think, the girls you are working with now at ages 5, 10 and 15 years will be ages 10, 15 and 20 years in the year 2000. What an exciting and marvelous way to reach into the future by assisting **now** to shape young lives by leading girls to salvation in Jesus Christ through the ministry of GEMS. In the twenty-first century these girls will become the teenage generation and enter life's parade. Some will become college students and women of many careers. And, greatest of all some will become **mothers**. What an influence they will have! What a difference they can make to their generation! And, what a contribution you have made by your faithful service to their young lives! GEMS Board, District Directors, GEMS Coordinators, and Sponsors and all who support this ministry, may we all remain committed to this worthy cause.

I am finding it to be one of those events of a lifetime to support, promote, and to work with and for Girls Entering the Master's Service!

GEMS Beautiful GEMS!

GEMS Bright GEMS!

Ruth Foley, Asst. Director
North Carolina GEMS

RETREAT TRULY A "TREAT"

Linda Maybelle introducing Miss Debra Williams, speaker.

If you missed the 1995 NCWM Retreat, you really missed a blessed time. "SET MY SPIRIT FREE" was the theme and also the mode for the beautiful weekend for approximately 1,000 ladies at New Heritage USA on March 17 and 18.

On Friday afternoon, ladies from all over the North Carolina Conference arrived at Fort Mill, SC, at the Radisson Grande Hotel by cars, vans, and even mini-buses. They found their way to rooms to settle in and soon were strolling Main Street and enjoying the shops and the fellowship. Although weary from travel, they seemed refreshed and ready to worship as they gathered for the Friday night service.

The Raleigh District WM presented a praise musical in the first portion of the service which was designated SET MY SPIRIT FREE TO PRAISE. What a glorious time followed as Rev. Deborah Williams spoke on SET MY SPIRIT FREE TO PRAYER. Her special message and ministry of prayer at the close of the service brought people to places of prayer, and needs were met in many lives.

Speaker – Debra Williams

Saturday morning was no less exciting as the ladies gathered again in the Grande Ballroom early for the door prizes. The "Miss Understood Pageant" was the highlight of the SET MY SPIRIT FREE FROM PREJUDICE segment. Although it was hilarious, a very strong message was related regarding reaching out to those whom some would deem "undesirables" among us.

The need for Spanish literature for the GEMS program was presented, and the pastor of the first Spanish congregation in the North Carolina Conference, Rev. Luis Man-riquez, ministered and made an appeal for gifts toward the translation and printing of such materials. The offering received yielded $2,010.00. To God be the glory – and to the generous and open-hearted ladies, Thanks!

SET MY SPIRIT FREE FROM PRIDE could not possibly have been more beautifully illustrated than it was through the ministry of Mary Belle Johnson and the mock footwashing service which she led. The power of the Holy Ghost descended like a cloud in that great room as women all over the congregation knelt at the feet of other women in humility and love. Beautiful music by Glad Tidings Trio and worship music led by Rose Boyd (accompanied by Sandra McCandless at the piano) set the tone for this most holy and worshipful time. What a climax to this wonderful weekend!

Foot Washing

Ladies departed for home with bright countenances and the glory of the Lord flooding their hearts truly having experienced SPIRITS SET FREE.

The NCWM Board expresses appreciation to all who contributed to the success of this retreat. Most of all, praise and thanksgiving are offered to our Lord – for His anointing and presence always make all the difference. Now, we can hardly wait for Retreat 1996.

NCWM CONVENTION - JUNE 3, 1995 ...

NCWM Convention is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 1995, in Falcon at the Culbreth Auditorium. Mark your calendar now. Sharing Sisters will be the emphasis for this year's convention. REMINDER TO MINISTERS' WIVES – You are asked to wear a hat to this convention.

HONOR THY MOTHER ...

May 14 is Mother's Day. You may want to remember those mothers in your congregation whose children are away or those elderly mothers who have paved the way for us.

WOMAN TO WOMAN VIDEO SERIES ...

The Woman To Woman video series is availabe for your use. Contact Janice Marshburn (910-324-4388) to borrow them for your meetings.

A NEW TWIST FOR MOTHER'S DAY ...

Mothers plan a special Mother-Daughter event. Mothers expressing the joy of motherhood to their daughters could set a very positive precedent.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1995 BREAKING BARRIER AWARDS FOR 1994 ATTENDANCE

For several years now the Evangelism Department has been giving special awards to those churches who broke certain attendance barriers in Sunday School and A.M. Worship Attendance. Congratulations are in order for these pastors and churches and a hearty WELL-DONE. May the Lord add to their numbers.

Kinston First .....Pastor Bobby Williams .....500 Yearly Average in A.M. Worship
Greenville First ....Pastor David Wood.....200 Quarterly Average in A.M. Worship
Brentwood .....Pastor Julian Thompson .....100 Yearly Average in Sunday School
Saint Paul .....Pastor Randy Reece .....100 Yearly Average in A.M. Worship
Smyrna .....Pastor Vance Harrell .....100 Yearly Average in Sunday School and A.M. Worship
Wallace .....Pastor Tommy McLaurin....100 Quarterly Average in A.M. Worship
Bridgeton .....Pastor Kenneth Dixon .....50 Yearly Average in Sunday School
Emmanuel .....Pastor Frank Elliott .....50 Yearly Average in Sunday School and A.M. Worship
Hobgood .....Pastor Dempsy Winstead .....50 Yearly Average in A.M. Worship
Maranatha .....Pastor Marty Warren.....50 Quarterly in A.M. Worship
New Vision .....Pastor Chris Rooks .....50 Yearly Average in Sunday School

EXTRA-MILE SUPPORT WINNERS

It is a pleasure to recognize the following top seven pastors and churches. These individual churches were the top seven in supporting the work of Conference Evangelism. Their support was extra-mile support beyond their regular support to the N.C. Conference.

This extra-mile support is deeply appreciated and needed as we reach out to effect the work of Evangelism within the N.C. Conference.

Congratulations are in order to the following:

New Bern First .....Pastor Greg Long
Abundant Life Fellowship .....Pastor Bethea Moore
Clinton .....Pastor David Wheeler
Shiloh .....Pastor Ralph Leggett
Heritage.....Pastor Rudolph Britt
Northwood Temple .....Pastor John Hedgepeth
Peniel .....Pastor Jimmy Swinson

PRAYER LIST

The Evangelism Department is presently working with several pastors and churches on a one-to-one basis. These are listed below as a request for prayer. God is blessing these churches and pastors with His gracious anointing. Please include them on your prayer list.

Abundant Life Fellowship – Raleigh – Pastor Bethea Moore

Calvary Temple – Rocky Mount – Pastor Frank Moss

Evangel Hispanic – Fuquay Varina – Pastor Luis Manriquez

Hubert First – Hubert – Pastor Bobby West

New Creation – Havelock – Pastor Jim Springston

Sonlight – Leland – Pastor Patsy Vaughan

The Genesis – Wendell – Pastor Vernon Potter, Jr.

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Several missionaries will be itinerating in the Conference this year. Larry and Lorraine Faulkner are home from Russia. They will be staying in the Falcon Missions Apartment (910) 980-1419. They are raising funds to get back to Russia, preferably in June.

Two of our NC Conference missionaries have completed their itineration. Ron and Sharon Wooten left for Kenya on March 10. David and Cheri Arthur are leaving for Kenya on April 20. Our churches have been very faithful to help them raise their support.

Ed and Judy Sauvageau will be moving into the Clinton Missions Apartment on April 15. They will be with us the rest of the year. Ed is an outstanding preacher. They may be reached at (910) 592-1327 after April 15. They will be featured in next month's *Evangel* article.

Betty Rogers will be returning home in September for furlough. Linwood Berry is scheduled for a furlough sometime this fall.

David and Twilla Sasser will be in the Conference from now until May and then in July through the fall. Here is some basic information on them. They may be reached at David's dad (near Kenly) (919) 242-6141.

DAVID & TWILLA SASSER

After studying at Holmes College of the Bible and Heritage Bible College, David graduated from the Ministerial Internship Program at Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1982. Twilla has a degree in Manufacturing Engineering and has worked for Boeing Aircraft Company since 1986. She has also trained for one year in American sign language.

David, who is from the North Carolina Conference, worked as a praise and worship leader in the Northwest Conference youth camps in 1986. Twilla, a native of Salem, Oregon, met David when he ministered in a local church. They were married in 1987. Very involved in music and children's ministries, Twilla has also served as Assistant Missions Director in the Northwest Conference since 1992.

They eagerly anticipate their arrival in Ghana where their ministry focus will be church planting, leadership training, and ministry to children. They also plan to evangelize an unreached Muslim population.

NC CONFERENCE

TOP 25 - TOTAL GIVING 1994 WORLD MISSIONS & USA EVANGELISM

1.	Northwood Temple	$82,286.98	Pastor John Hedgepeth
2.	Clinton	45,403.00	Pastor David Wheeler
3.	Glad Tidings	44,980.90	Pastor Maurice Phelps
4.	Gospel Tabernacle	36,548.79	Pastor King White
5.	Shiloh, Wilson	30,849.63	Pastor Ralph Leggett
6.	The First	23,505.00	Pastor Jimmy Whitfield
7.	Greenville First	22,709.99	Pastor David Wood
8.	Living Faith Fellowship	19,072.03	Pastor David Butts
9.	Peniel	18,190.35	Pastor Jimmy Swinson
10.	Benson	17,635.00	Pastor L. B. Collins
11.	Pikes Cross Roads	17,017.51	Pastor Charles Gentry
12.	Kinston First	16,735.89	Pastor Bobby Williams
13.	Stedman	16,089.87	Pastor Randal Strickland
14.	Tarboro First	15,376.00	Pastor Jesse Blalock
15.	Mount Carmel	15,204.00	Pastor Gary Strickland
16.	The Capital	15,176.88	Pastor Roland Harrell
17.	Bethany	12,481.21	Pastor Phillip Bland
18.	Evangel	12,025.00	Pastor William O' Neal
19.	Lumberton First	11,176.00	Pastor H. Ray Ward
20.	Culbreth Memorial	9,746.00	Pastor J. Danny Nelson
21.	Evangelistic Temple	8,825.00	Pastor Ray J. Ward
22.	Hope Mills	7,917.88	Pastor Ken Milliken
23.	New Bern First	7,234.23	Pastor Greg Long
24.	Goshen	7,020.00	Pastor Allen Mayo
25.	Wilmington First	6,710.00	Pastor W. M. Wooten

NC CONFERENCE TOP 25 - PER CAPITA 1994 WORLD MISSIONS & USA EVANGELISM

1.	Middlesex	$197.62	Pastor William E. Price
2.	Pinetown	186.93	Pastor Julian Mayo
3.	Missionary	170.22	Pastor Buck Parnell
4.	Benson	166.37	Pastor L. B. Collins
5.	Clinton	165.10	Pastor David Wheeler
6.	Shiloh, Wilson	159.02	Pastor Ralph Leggett
7.	Bethany	118.87	Pastor Phillip Bland
8.	Peniel	116.61	Pastor Jimmy Swinson
9.	Reelsboro	113.52	Pastor McElree Purifoy
10.	Stedman	101.19	Pastor Randal Strickland
11.	Lighthouse	100.40	Pastor H. P. Woodard
12.	Friendship	92.51	Pastor Mike Carter
13.	Glad Tidings	89.79	Pastor Maurice Phelps
14.	Faith, Greenville	89.41	Pastor Merrill Davis

Other Per Capita records are not complete (computer problems, Oklahoma City)

ANNUAL GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING

The annual Global Outreach Offering promotion ("GO" Offering) is in full swing. I have received several reports from pastors of great efforts to have an increase in their offerings. The Conference goal is $140,000.00. A sizable offering is needed. Needs are greater and more doors are open for evangelism in the U. S. and around the world than ever before.

Sunday, June 11, has been designated as Global Outreach Sunday within the conference. Many churches will receive special offerings for the "GO" Offering on that Sunday. It is to be a day of prayer and fasting for world evangelism.

The goal is to have all the "GO" Offerings at the Conference Office by Wednesday, June 14. This will allow time to print the amounts in the bulletin for the World Evangelism Service on Sunday night, June 18. The goal that night is to celebrate not collect.

REMEMBER
CAMP MEETING
THIS YEAR
JUNE 11- JUNE 18

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

The Westview Church, Saint Pauls, is to be applauded for a great job in World Missions promotion in March. Pastor Samuel Weaver, Sr. led the church in a "Pounds for Missions" drive. Two teams were chosen. Joyce Weaver led the ladies and girls. Jimmy Ratley was captain of the men and boys. The RACE was on! The goal was set for $1,000.00 in quarters. There were BBQ chicken sales, chicken pastry sales, bake sales, contributions, etc. On the second Sunday of the monthly contest the goal was broken. By the 4th Sunday in March, some $4,296.25 had been collected. That is a lot of quarters!

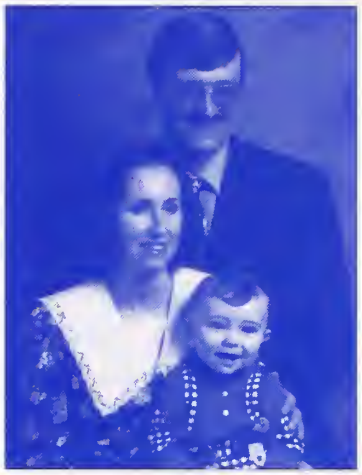
Pastor Weaver states, "This was the most exciting contest I have ever participated in. I have never seen so much enthusiasm, excitement, and good clean Christian competition as was experienced during this time. "

The men won the contest, but in actuality all who were participants won.

CONGRATULATIONS, WESTVIEW. May your spirit for missions be contagious and ever multiplied.

Westview Pound For Missions Drive

NEW MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE



The Lord has blessed the NC Conference with two missionary apartments: one in Falcon and the Jackie Wilson Memorial Home in Clinton, NC. On April 17, 1995, the third missionary family to inhabit the Jackie Wilson Home will move in. Ed and Judy Sauvageau and their son, Joshua, (pictured) will take up residence. They may be reached at 295 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC 28328 or telephone 910-592-1327. We welcome them into the Conference.

During the past seven years, God has prepared Ed and Judy for ministry in Kenya. They began with two years of Bible College training, pioneering a church for three years, and now evangelism for two-and one-half years.

During this time of ministry, they have had extensive experience in prison, hospital, church, and retirement home ministries. Their areas of expertise include evangelistic tent crusades (domestic and foreign), building projects, music ministry, and a host of other ministerial functions.

During a four-month mission outreach to Kenya, Africa, in 1993, Ed and Judy felt God confirm this direction for their lives. They plan to establish mission stations among the Somalian refugee camps in Kenya to administer humanitarian aid such as medical help, food and clothing distribution. They will hold evangelistic services to establish churches among the refugees who are predominantly Muslim. Their ministry focus is to train nationals for the ministry.

You can be a partner in the ministry and of the Sauvageau's. As a partner, you can:

1. Pray daily for the ministry.
2. Give as God supplies the needs through your monthly faith commitment offering. Other Important Information: Ed and Judy Sauvageau's wedding anniversary is December 18; their birthdays are Ed - May 8, Judy - October 22, and Joshua - August 10.

EVANGELISTS – GIFTS FROM GOD

Paul told the church at Ephesus that evangelists were gifted individuals placed in the body of Christ to help equip the church for ministry – Ephesians 4:11 and following. The Pentecostal Holiness Church has always recognized the role and importance of the evangelist. In recent months efforts have been made on the General level and within the NC Conference to properly designate the "true" itinerant evangelist. In times past any minister who was not pastoring was said to be an evangelist. That certainly should be the case; however it did seem to cloud the role of the true evangelist.

Recently the first directory of the National Association of Pentecostal Holiness Evangelists (NAPHE) was published. An effort has been made to put this directory into the hands of all our pastors. The directory also lists those laymen who are doing the work of itinerant evangelists. It is hoped by lifting the role of the evangelist that they may be better used to build the kingdom of God.

The N.C. Conference has seven individuals listed in this first historical directory. They are as follows:

N.C. Conference Evangelists (24 meetings per year)
William J. Forehand, LaGrange
Vera E. Griffin, Goldsboro
Paul C. Jackson, Greenville
Deborah Williams, Fayetteville
Associate Evangelists (12 meetings per year)
Noah B. Barefoot, Roseboro
Richard N. Hood, Jacksonville
Terry Whittenton (Whittle-Do), Dunn

In addition to these, two others are full-time evangelists within the N.C. Conference. They are Ann Baines, Rocky Mount and Marty Mason, Willow Springs. Marty recently joined the NAPHE and will be in the next **Directory**.

Our own Rev. Vera Griffin was elected to serve as secretary of the NAPHE. Congratulations, Vera!

We praise the Lord for these special men and women. May the Lord grant them many souls for their labors. Below is an article that was included in the NAPHE Directory. It is reprinted in order to be a blessing to the evangelists.

WHAT AND HOW TO PAY YOUR EVANGELIST

What does the church owe the evangelist?

1. The giftings of the evangelist and the needs of the congregation should be considered when selecting an evangelist.
2. The pastor should give the evangelist time to adjust schedules to the needs and desires of the local church. Pray until the church and evangelist know God's moment for revival.
3. The pastor should prepare the congregation and community for revival.
4. Decisions on housing and meals for the evangelist should be made jointly between the evangelist and the pastor. A place of solitude for private prayer and study is vital. Meals for the evangelist are the responsibility of the church.
5. The local church has a scriptural responsibility to adequately care for the financial needs of the evangelist. Those who minister the gospel are ordained by God to be supported by those who believe.

Compensation for the evangelist should be discussed openly by the evangelist, pastor, and local church when the revival is being finalized. Compensation should be separated into two parts:

Travel expenses include actual airfare at lowest fare available, or gas, motel, and meals while in transit to and from the revival. If the evangelist has several revivals on one tour, he/she should calculate actual expenses and divide by the number of churches served. Travel expenses should never be a part of the evangelist's offering or honorarium

Whether to give **offerings or an honorarium** is a decision that should be made by the local church. If offerings are chosen, inform the congregation nightly that the entire offering goes to the evangelist. It would be appropriate to tell the evangelist what the offerings usually produce in total income. If an honorarium is chosen, the church should consider an amount equal to the weekly compensation package for its pastor. Example:

Base salary	$300 week	= $15,600 year
Housing	$600 month	= $ 7,200 year
Social Security/Health		$ 3,200 year
Total		$26,000 year
Divide by 52 weeks		÷ 52
Pastor's weekly compensation		$ 500.00

The pastor receives this amount 52 weeks a year. An evangelist cannot minister every week of the year. The pastor's weekly compensation should be multiplied by a factor of 1.5 or 2. In this example, the evangelist should receive $750 to $1,000 for a one-week revival.

SPECIAL NOTE: The 1994 Conference Finance Committee Report expressed these words concerning financial support for evangelists. "Churches employing full-time evangelists (those deriving their major support from revivals) should pay them no less than the minimum salaries of ministers per week plus travel."

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—JANUARY 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	0	650	0	627	500
Kinston First	684	0	300	0	321	263
Gospel Tabernacle	417	30	206	35	327	259
The Capital	347	0	182	0	140	191
Mt. Olive LD	309	0	181	0	100	94
The First	360	168	0	0	0	0
Stedman	268	0	159	0	265	160
Taboro First	214	21	154	21	233	140
Greenville First	240	0	154	0	130	64
Whitley	269	0	147	0	225	221
Mt. Carmel	327	0	147	0	176	131
Shiloh WD	277	51	146	51	176	96
Lumberton	326	18	131	17	0	90
Peniel	259	0	117	0	107	68
Williamston	155	4	117	4	116	92
Bizzell Grove	160	40	115	34	96	45
Wilson First	0	0	113	0	0	74
Harkers Island	127	0	112	0	0	0
Evangel	419	0	110	0	234	130
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	107	17	172	140
Robersonville	183	3	106	3	137	104
Clinton	153	52	103	52	58	56
Brentwood	120	0	102	0	128	125
Pikes Crossroads	199	70	102	70	145	70
St. Pauls	132	57	100	14	132	100
Eastside	121	77	96	77	0	0
Smyrna	0	0	93	0	0	71
Bethany	151	8	88	24	109	61
Millennium	169	0	88	0	90	51
Belfast	107	0	87	0	90	90
Harvest Temple	177	65	85	47	109	53
Hope Mills	150	30	81	24	80	34
Roanoke Rapids	266	655	77	655	101	40
St. Paul	132	0	76	0	40	32
St. John	135	0	76	0	34	51
Wallace	167	0	75	0	56	41
Midway	141	31	75	29	81	35
Living Faith Fellowship	120	0	71	0	83	55
Stantonsburg	180	0	70	0	0	0
Selma	100	0	69	0	0	0
Rehoboth	137	0	68	0	60	37
Mt. Olive	108	0	66	0	0	0
Roper	123	0	64	0	105	54
Moores Chapel	105	0	64	0	72	42
Evangelistic Temple	210	0	64	0	140	71
Winter Park	0	0	61	0	0	0
Hollands Chapel	65	0	60	0	30	23
Shelmerdine	118	0	58	0	0	74
Hobgood	88	0	57	0	0	0
Thompson Chapel	104	0	57	0	59	28
Benson	143	22	57	22	0	34
Sharon	98	0	57	0	43	28
Baywood	0	0	56	0	0	32
Tyndall Grove	85	0	55	0	44	23
Taylors Chapel	116	0	55	0	0	0
Bridgeton	79	0	55	0	0	0
Brocks Chapel	156	0	55	0	91	48
Ahoskie	104	0	54	0	59	37
Wilmington	142	0	54	0	142	26
Winterville	86	0	53	0	0	0
Spring Hope	59	0	53	0	53	45
Whiteville	185	0	53	0	118	48
Thunderswamp	102	0	53	0	0	0
Sanford First	94	0	52	0	49	37
Elizabethtown	66	20	52	20	0	0
Westview	110	0	52	0	88	44
Harvest Fellowship	128	0	51	0	0	0
Manleys Grove	120	0	50	0	0	0
Trinity CD	130	0	50	0	50	31
Kenly	89	0	50	0	0	0
Emmanuel	91	0	49	0	50	36
Graham Memorial	100	0	48	0	54	28
Goshen	70	0	47	0	36	31
Grace Community	228	0	46	0	140	35
Carson Memorial	78	0	46	0	65	34
Jacksonville	69	0	44	0	55	57
Tabernacle	56	0	44	0	56	36
St. Matthew	73	0	43	0	0	0
Warsaw	68	0	43	0	40	10
Shiloh FD	76	0	42	0	0	0
Thomas Chapel	126	0	42	0	66	19
Hodges Chapel	79	0	42	0	0	0
Niagara	139	0	41	0	40	31
Liberty	41	0	39	0	0	0
Garland	61	0	39	0	0	0
Albritton	68	18	39	18	43	31
Bethel	86	0	38	0	0	0
Weldon	66	0	38	0	0	0
Living Waters	73	0	38	0	89	26
Faith GD	67	0	38	0	41	18
Friendship WD	89	0	38	0	50	31
Westmoreland	111	26	37	21	68	29
Hopewell	0	0	37	0	0	31
Scotland Neck	72	72	36	72	0	0
Boardman	287	0	36	0	205	20
Lyon Memorial	86	0	35	0	0	0
Heritage	59	0	35	0	72	38
Jones Grove	54	0	35	0	0	0
Red Springs	70	0	34	0	0	0
Vanceboro	44	0	34	0	0	0
Washington	44	0	33	0	0	0
Bailey	63	0	33	0	0	24
Maranatha	42	0	33	0	20	27
Shekinah	50	0	32	0	0	0
Trinity RMD	89	0	32	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	104	0	32	0	0	0
Gospel NET Ministries	0	0	31	0	0	17
Faith WD	57	47	30	47	0	0
Lamm's Grove	65	0	30	0	0	0
Lowland	38	0	29	0	28	20
Oak Ridge	64	0	28	0	28	12
Sims	66	0	28	0	0	0
Farmville	35	0	28	0	0	0
Clayton	52	0	28	0	0	0
Calvary Temple	48	0	27	0	22	17
New Hope	33	0	27	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	52	0	26	0	27	20
Goose Creek	45	0	25	0	26	13
Calvary LD	0	0	24	0	0	0
Warrenton	36	0	23	0	22	22
Alliance	46	0	21	0	49	18
Grifton	88	0	21	0	45	17
Black Creek	45	0	21	0	0	0
Merritts Chapel	60	0	20	0	0	0
Christian Chapel	28	0	18	0	0	0
Plymouth	26	0	17	0	0	0
New Life	27	0	15	0	0	0
Middlesex	21	0	15	0	0	0
Sonlight	21	0	14	0	0	9
Crystal Coast	36	0	13	0	0	0
Vicks Chapel	15	0	11	0	0	0
Lighthouse	21	0	11	0	0	0
Alert	67	0	11	0	28	0
Windsor	13	0	8	0	0	0
Wakelon	18	0	8	0	0	0
Total:	17,207	1,442	8,928	1,374	7,586	5,346
Average:	134	63		60	101	64

JLTC

NC Conference

June 21-24, 1995

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Date Packet Sent: _____

Amount Received: $ _____

Date Deposited: _____

Check #: _____

Amount Due: $ _____

APPLICATION

Name _____ Age_____ Telephone ( ) _____-_____

Address _____ Outpost #_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

Conference _____ District_____

Pastor's Signature _____ Sr. Commander's Signature_____

Date 2nd Class Trailblazer Advancement Was Earned:_____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

J.L.T.C. Trainees must have a minimum advancement rating of SECOND CLASS TRAILBLAZER! There will be no exceptions. The Medical Release Form on the back side of this application must be completed and signed by the parents or legal guardians.

COST

A pre-registration fee of $45.00, to be applied toward the total fee of $80.00, must accompany this form. After June 5, 1995, the registration fee will be $90.00. The J.L.T.C. will be limited to 48 trainees. Unless there are 24 applicants by June 5, 1995, the J.L.T.C. will be cancelled!

REFUND POLICY

The pre-registration fee will be refunded (less a $10.00 clerical fee) if notification is given prior to June 5, 1995. After June 5, 1995, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS!

Mail your checks earmarked "JLTC" to:

N.C. Conference C.E. Department
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342-0060

Phone: (910) - 980-1162 Fax: (910) - 980-1634

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—FEBRUARY 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Kinston First	677	0	290	0	321	235
The Capital	347	0	211	0	140	231
Gospel Tabernacle	417	30	206	35	327	259
Mt. Olive LD	309	0	187	0	100	97
The First	360	0	177	0	0	0
Stedman	268	0	169	0	265	163
Tarboro First	214	21	163	25	233	134
Whitley	269	0	157	0	225	201
Mt. Carmel	327	0	154	0	180	124
Shiloh WD	277	42	149	42	176	114
Lumberton	326	18	130	19	0	75
Bizzell Grove	160	40	118	31	85	44
Wilson First	0	0	117	0	0	75
Peniel	259	0	114	0	107	62
Harkers Island	127	0	114	0	0	0
Clinton	155	52	111	52	56	46
Evangel	419	0	109	0	234	109
Williamston	155	4	107	7	116	77
St. Paul	132	0	107	0	40	44
Robersonville	183	0	106	0	137	116
Brentwood	120	0	103	0	128	110
Eastside	124	77	103	77	0	0
St. Pauls	132	0	102	0	132	91
Clubreth Memorial	216	25	101	19	172	120
Smyrna	0	0	98	0	0	70
Bethany	151	8	96	23	109	45
Pikes Crossorads	202	70	95	24	134	65
Harvest Temple	177	65	92	47	109	38
Millennium	169	0	91	0	90	45
Belfast	107	0	85	0	90	90
Roanoke Rapids	266	779	84	779	101	40
Hope Mills	150	30	81	20	80	33
Wallace	173	0	81	0	58	55
St. John	135	0	76	0	34	55
Midway	141	31	75	26	81	31
Living Faith Fellowship	120	0	73	0	86	53
Brocks Chapel	156	0	72	0	91	39
Selma	100	0	71	0	0	0
Stantonsburg	180	0	70	0	0	0
Rehoboth	137	0	68	0	60	33
Moores Chapel	107	0	67	0	72	42
Winter Park	0	0	66	0	0	0
Mt. Olive	108	0	65	0	0	0
Hollands Chapel	65	0	65	0	30	24
Winterville	86	0	64	0	0	0
Roper	120	0	63	0	103	50
Benson	143	22	62	22	0	28
Taylors Chapel	116	0	62	0	0	0
Evangelistic Temple	210	0	58	0	140	73
Ayden	0	0	58	0	0	0
Harvest Fellowship	128	0	58	0	0	0
Shelmerdine	118	0	57	18	0	61
Wilmington	142	0	57	0	142	25
Whiteville	185	0	56	0	118	52
Sharon	99	0	55	0	43	21
Emmanuel	91	0	55	0	50	35
Bridgeton	79	0	55	0	0	0
Kenly	89	0	54	0	0	0
Thompson Chapel	104	0	54	0	59	37
Spring Hope	59	0	53	0	53	45
Thunderswamp	102	0	51	0	0	0
St. Matthew	73	0	51	0	0	0
Baywood	0	0	51	0	0	21
Tyndall Grove	85	0	51	0	44	20
Manleys Grove	122	0	50	0	0	0
New Vision	56	0	50	0	37	25
Graham Memorial	100	0	50	0	54	26
Westview	110	0	49	0	88	50
Shiloh FD	76	0	48	0	0	0
Carson Memorial	78	0	48	0	65	41
Hobgood	88	0	48	0	0	0
Jacksonville	69	0	47	0	55	57
Scotland Neck	72	72	47	68	0	0
Sanford Frist	94	0	47	0	49	45
Ahoskie	104	0	46	0	59	31
Warsaw	68	0	46	0	40	12
Thomas Chapel	126	0	46	0	66	26
Elizabethtown	61	20	45	20	0	0
Grace Community	178	0	45	0	141	35
Trinity CD	130	0	45	0	55	34
Living Waters	73	0	45	0	89	29
Hodges Chapel	78	0	44	0	0	0
Tabernacle	58	0	43	0	58	36
Goshen	74	0	43	0	36	31
Albritton	69	18	42	20	43	32
Niagara	139	0	42	0	40	33
Red Springs	70	0	42	0	0	0
Liberty	41	0	41	0	0	0
Bethel	86	0	41	0	0	0
Jones Grove	57	0	40	0	0	0
Westmoreland	111	26	40	15	68	25
Friendship WD	89	0	39	0	50	35
Garland	61	0	39	0	0	0
Weldon	66	0	38	0	0	0
Hopewell	0	0	37	0	0	39
Vanceboro	45	0	37	0	0	0
Maranatha	44	0	37	0	20	38
Boardman	287	0	36	0	205	0
Heritage	59	0	35	0	72	38
Calvary Temple	51	0	35	0	22	17
Lyon Memorial	85	0	34	0	0	0
Bailey	64	0	34	0	0	19
Trinity RMD	89	0	33	0	0	0
Vaughans Chapel	104	0	33	0	0	0
Sims	66	0	30	0	0	0
Lamm's Grove	63	0	29	0	0	0
Gospel Net Ministries	0	0	29	0	0	20
Abbottsburg	41	0	28	0	0	0
Friendship NBD	52	0	28	0	27	21
Lowland	38	0	28	0	28	20
Oak Ridge	64	0	27	0	28	14
Farmville	36	0	27	0	0	0
Warrenton	34	0	26	0	22	15
New Hope	34	0	25	0	0	0
Faith WD	57	47	25	47	0	0
Black Creek	47	0	25	0	0	0
Wades Point	41	0	23	0	0	0
Alliance	45	0	23	0	48	25
Plymouth	26	0	23	0	0	0
Goose Creek	45	0	22	0	26	9
Calvary LD	0	0	22	0	0	0
Grifton	88	0	22	0	45	14
Christian Chapel	27	0	20	0	0	0
Merritts Chapel	60	0	20	0	0	0
Middlesex	21	0	17	0	0	0
New Life	27	0	15	0	0	0
Sonlight	21	0	15	0	16	7
Alert	67	0	13	0	28	0
Crystal Coast	36	0	11	0	0	0
Lighthouse	7	0	11	0	0	0
New Creation	9	0	10	0	0	0
Vicks Chapel	15	0	9	0	0	0
Wakelon	18	0	6	0	0	0
Total:	15,163	1,497	8,397	1,436	6,831	4,652
Average:	121	71		65	92	57

POW-WOW

July 27-29, 1995

CAMP TUSCARORA

OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Amount Received: $ _____
Check #: _____
Date Deposited: _____
Amount Due: _____

Church _____

Sr. Commander _____

Address _____ City _____ NC Zip _____

Telephone Number ( ) – _____

THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND: Please reproduce this form to list additional names

NAME	DIVISION

Total Number Attending: _____

Total Registration Fee: _____

($9.00 per person if you register before June 5, 1995. $15.00 per person after June 5)

* * * * FULL REGISTRATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM * * * *

Make Checks Earmarked "Pow-Wow" Payable To: Christian Education Department, P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342

Phone: (910) 980-1162 FAX: (910) 980-1634

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

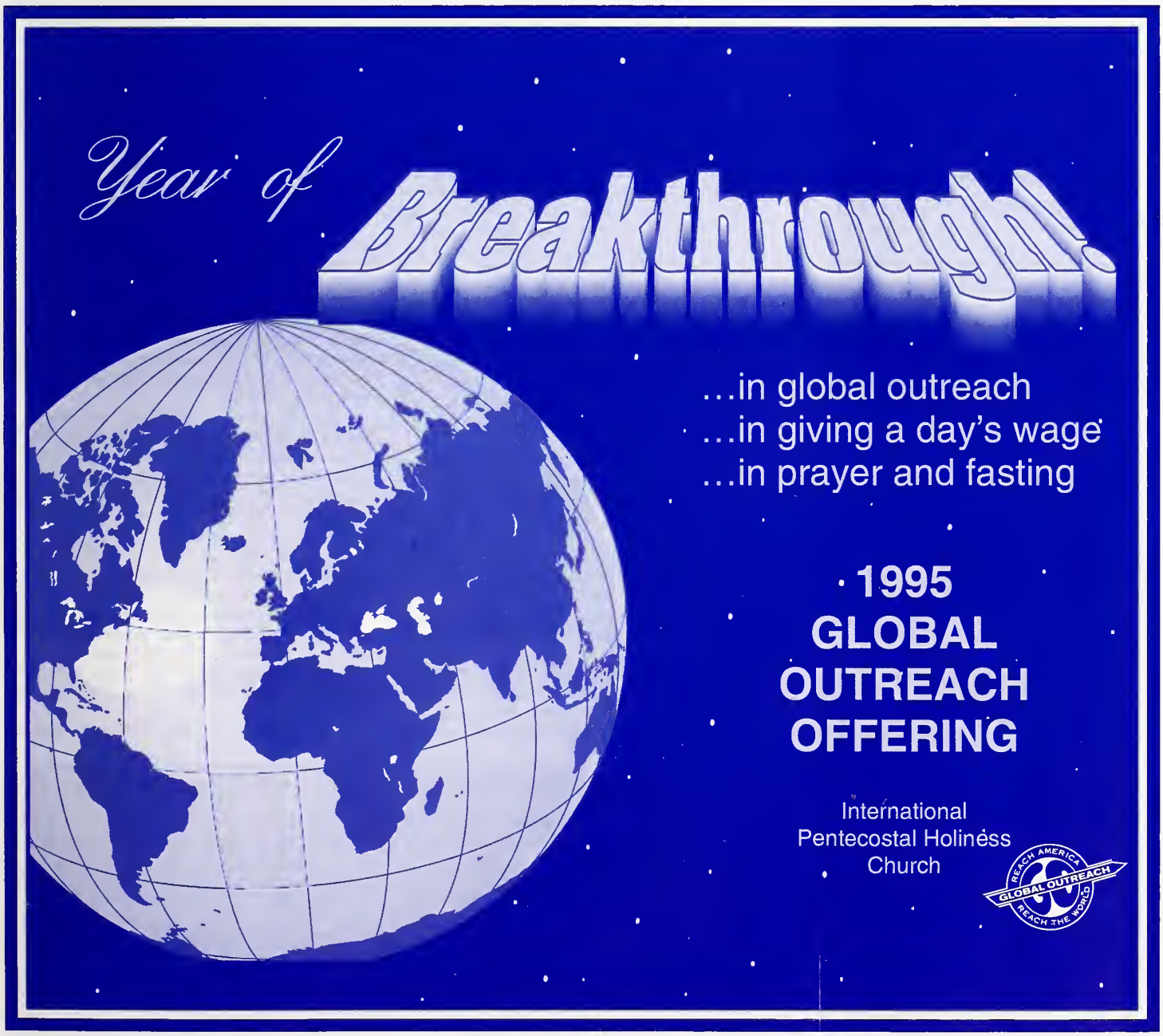
108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

(2B).)
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 JUNE 1995 NUMBER 6



T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Pastor David C. Wheeler of Clinton First has now made two trips to Ukraine in the last several months. These trips were made in cooperation with the World Missions Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church as we have planted churches in the former Soviet Union.

Brother Wheeler, a member of the Official Board of the North Carolina Conference, shared a devotion with us at one of our Conference Board Meetings. I want him to now share with you. TEL

Pushing Back the Darkness

In the western part of Ukraine, there is a main highway that runs from Lutsk to Rivne along which we traveled each morning to conduct seminars. On the morning of the last meeting I noticed a partially completed building silhouetted against the overcast sky. It had risen to probably five floors before construction stopped. A huge crane was rusted and tarnished, high weeds had overgrown piles of rubble at its base, and the icy slush of the building site was unmarked by ruts indicating the passage of a vehicle. Clearly, this project had been abandoned some time ago.

That unfinished building is a symbol of the impressions I formed in my two visits to Ukraine. Ukrainians are a proud and stubborn people who just three years ago declared their independence from Soviet oppression. Their hearts burned with the desire for self-determination, for the right to speak their own language, and the freedom to teach and develop their unique culture that is well over one thousand years old.

But their drive for nationalism has stalled like construction on that building. Factories have closed because parts can no longer be obtained from other republics. Their main means of transportation in the cities breaks down and cannot be repaired. Medical supplies are either unavailable or extremely expensive. The value of their currency declines daily, while the price of necessities increases. Work is hard to find, and when found, pays little. The moral decay produced by seven decades of communism is a cancer eating away at the vitals of this lovely country, one called the breadbasket of an empire. Tens of thousands of acres of otherwise fertileland are unusable due to fallout from the Chernobyl disaster. The government is paralyzed by internal strife, and the country is in the throes of a depression that the leadership has neither the expertise, resources, nor corporate will to take measures to alleviate. Although the gospel can now be freely preached, it is often met with distrust and suspicion. And everywhere there is darkness.

In that darkness there is fear. In that darkness there is hatred. In that darkness there is want. In that darkness there is hopeless despair that bows the backs of men and makes the women old before their time. In that darkness there is loss of innocence so that the eyes of a child often hold only the dullness produced by poverty, hunger, despair, and deprivation. And in that darkness there is death: not just death of the body from malnutrition and disease, but also the death of the spirit, the death of the soul.

Yet, when you ask a Ukrainian Christian, "What can we in America do to help your people?" they do not ask for clothing or food or any of the things our money could provide. The most touching answer to this question came from my interpreter, a teacher in her mid-thirties, who said, "You must pray for us. If God does not help us, our children will die." They realize that the Lord is their only hope!

And there are signs of hope. In Ukraine are evangelists going every week into areas of darkness and spreading their light. I visited two churches in the Pentecostal Union that are over 1,000 members strong. In our thirteen Pentecostal Holiness churches, many believers are preparing for water baptism when the weather is warm enough.

In that country, where in many places darkness still reigns, there are glimmerings of light. It may be in the midst of a city or the isolation of a remote village; in a rented "house of culture" or the cramped front room of someone's home; in a remodeled house or a specially constructed church building; the light is beginning to shine! As John the Baptist wrote of Jesus, "The true Light that gives light to every man is coming into the world" (John 1:9, NIV). The true Light is beginning to shine in that land of darkness

As we returned from Rivne that day, in evening shadows as deep as those of the morning, we again passed by that abandoned construction site. By the dying light of day I saw a strange thing: on the very uppermost level, in a mist of rain that was nearly snow, there was a glimmer of light. Nothing else had changed – the rusty crane was silent and still, the weeds were undisturbed, the ground unmarked except for a single set of footprints – but against the fading light of the evening sky was the flicker of a blowtorch. I will never know who he was or what he was doing, whether it was someone trying to resume construction on that building or someone "borrowing" materials for his own use. But the fact remains: surrounded by defeat was a glimmer of hope; in the midst of growing darkness there was a flicker of light!

And I was reminded – "in Him is life and the life is the light of men." In more and more places in that dark land the light is beginning to shine. The government is still a half-completed structure, the rust remains on the machinery of their economy, the weeds of decay are still rampant in their culture – but the light is beginning to shine! And where the light shines, however feebly, it will banish the darkness! And in hundreds of cities, towns, and villages on dozens of mission fields, wherever solitary missionary footprints lead, the darkness is being conquered as that light shines.

The heart-cry of my Ukrainian friend is echoed in ghetto in Manila, in the grass hut in Africa, in one of thousands of flats in Moscow, in an adobe in Mexico, in a marketplace in Central America, in a slum in Bombay, in the dirty dooryards, back alleys, and mean streets of a hundred world-class cities. In America, this most favored land, we must hear them as they say: "If God does not help us, our children will die." Just as much as they need our missionaries and our money, they need our compassion and our concern. It is up to us to take personally the last command of Christ: "...be witnesses unto me ... unto the uttermost part of the earth." When He said those words, He was talking to each of us.

David Wheeler

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell .....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Superannuated Birthdays for June

Rev. Odell T. Howard ..... June 9
Rev. John Slye ..... June 9
Rev. Haywood Price ..... June 11
Rev. Harvey Morris ..... June 13
Rev. Lalleon Narron ..... June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield ..... June 19

"A Day With The Superintendent"

Training and discussion with the superintendent
3 modules of training – 7 hours of credit

Module I	A.M.	9:30 – 10:45	Session One	2.5 Hrs
		10:45 – 11:15	Break	
		11:15 – 12:30	Session Two	
		12:30 – 2:00	Lunch	
Module II	P.M.	2:00 – 3:15	Session One	2.5 Hrs
		3:15 – 3:45	Break	
		3:45 – 5:00	Session Two	
		5:00 – 6:30	Supper	
Module III	Evening	7:00 – 8:30	Sessions 1 & 2	2.0 Hrs

New Schedule–Day With Superintendent

Date	District	Place/Pastor
Thursday April 20	Rocky Mount/ Wilson	Living Faith David Butts
Tuesday May 16	Lumberton/ Wilmington	Whiteville First Mickey Baysden
Tuesday June 6	Clinton/ Fayetteville	Gospel Tabernacle King White
*Thursday June 8	Goldsboro/ Raleigh	The First Jim Whitfield
*Thursday June 22	Morehead City New Bern	New Bern First Greg Long
*Tuesday June 27	Greenville Williamston	Greenville First David Wood

**Note – change in date*

District Conference Ministry Workshops

Date	Place	Host Pastor	Districts
Monday September 18	Kinston First	Bobby Williams	Greenville Goldsboro
Tuesday September 19	Culbreth Memorial	Danny Nelson	Clinton Fayetteville
Thursday September 21	Bailey	T. P. Davis	Raleigh Wilson
Monday September 25	Glad Tidings	Maurice Phelps	Morehead City New Bern
Tuesday September 26	Robersonville	Noah Barefoot	Rocky Mount Williamston
Thursday September 28	Lumberton First	H. Ray Ward	Lumberton Wilmington

Church to Build Christian Life Training Center

Over 500 people gathered on Easter Sunday morning at The First Pentecostal Holiness Church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to break ground for Christian Life Training Center

The Training Center will be built beside the sanctuary and Christian Education facility on Wayne Memorial Drive.

The Center will provide spacious meeting places for the music department, Women's Ministries, junior church, Royal Rangers and GEMS.

The Training Center will feature a large kitchen and a multi-purpose activity hall which will serve as an auditorium with room to seat 900 people, or as dining area for banquet and receptions to accommodate up to 430 people.

The activity hall also will be used for other fellowship and recreational activities of the church. "The completion of this facility will enable us to revamp the use of our present space so as to better facilitate other growing ministries of the church, such as Singles Ministry and the Senior Citizen Ministry," said Pastor Whitfield.

"We are a full-service church with a focus on introducing people to Christ and each other in an atmosphere of love and understanding. We feel a special concern for hurting hearts and to befriend wounded people. God is honoring the ministry; lives are being changed for the better, resulting in the need for this addition to our church campus."

R. N. Rouse Construction Inc., general contractor for the project, will start construction in June, and the building should be finished by the end of December.

Hollands Chapel Honors Mrs. Lulu Tyndall

A writer once said, "Give me the roses while I live, useless the flowers that you give after I am dead and gone."

That is exactly what we at Hollands Chapel Church did on Sunday, January 15, 1995, when to the surprise of Mrs. Lulu Tyndall, many of her family and friends assembled during the morning service to honor her for her long and faithful service as church member, Sunday school teacher, and secretary-treasurer of the Holland's Chapel Church.

Mrs. Tyndall was totally surprised when she arrived and took her usual place in the sanctuary as the members of her family marched in and joined her near the front of the church.

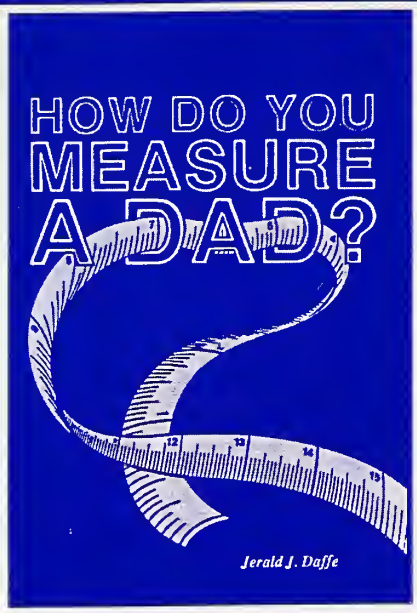
In lieu of a sermon on that day, remarks were made by Mr. Richard Tyndall about their relationship in working on the church board together and Mrs. Tyndall's faithfulness in teaching Sunday School. Also, Mr. Tyndall pointed how that on many occasions Mrs. Tyndall had to take money out of her own pocket to pay the bills of the church.

Mr. Leroy Autry, Mrs. Tyndall's brother, spoke as a representative of the family about the love and esteem for Mrs. Tyndall by all those who know her.

Mrs. Lulu Tyndall

Phil Mooring
Conference Men's Ministries Director

WHAT ABOUT FATHER'S DAY?



June 18, 1995
Help the Dads in Your Church Stay in the WORD and PRAYER.

Look at these TWO GREAT gifts.

How Do You Measure A Dad? Dr. Jerald Daffe, D. Min., is a Spirit-filled man with keen insight into the feelings, needs and emotions of a dad. This unique book deals with the measure of size; the measure of love and attitudes; as well as the measure of appearance, commitment, wealth, honesty and service. All based on God's eternal Word.Includes a very intimate tribute to his own Dad. This is a must for every dad.

Dad's Prayer Coin will remind them to pray for each family member. In the evening when they empty their pockets they will again find their "Dad's Prayer Coin" ready to use the next day. Gleaming solid brass 15 gauge coin, 1 1/4" diameter, and individually poly-bagged. Includes companion bookmark explaining details.

Men's Ministries

Fill-Out, Clip, and Mail with your Remittance TODAY!

☐ *YES,* Please send me: ***Sorry No COD or Billing***

☐ "How Do You Measure A Dad?" @ 2.00 = $_____
☐ Dad's Prayer Coin @ 2.00 = $_____
Quantity discounts for orders over 25 @ 1.75 = $_____
Postage 10% = $_____

☐ Enclosed is my check/m.o. for the total of: $_____
☐ Please charge the total to my:
___Visa ___MasterCard Expires: _____
CARD #: _____ _____ _____ _____

Signature _____
Required for credit card charges

Make Check Payable to: Men's Ministries, IPHC

NAME _____
CHURCH _____
DENOMINATION _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST ____ ZIP _____
PHONE-DAYTIME: (___) _____

1-910-323-4777
FAX 1-910-323-8700

Men's Ministries, IPHC
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

First Annual Resurrection Breakfast

The first annual Resurrection Breakfast of the Gospel Tabernacle Church Men's Ministries was held on Saturday, April 15 at 8:00 a.m.

About 75 men attended this special Easter Breakfast. Men's Ministries President Charles Potter led the meeting which helped to bring men from several area churches together for a time of fellowship.

National Royal Rangers Commander Bobby Forehand of Falcon, N.C. introduced the guest speaker, Phil Mooring, of Wilson, N.C. Mr. Mooring is the Director of the Walter Jones Drug Rehabilitation Center in Wilson. Mr. Mooring challenged the men to begin to get involved in helping make our communities better places to live.

Colors were presented by the Royal Rangers Outpost 17 of Gospel Tabernacle Church. Director of Music Gabriel Tew led the Gospel Tabernacle Quartet in special songs.

Christ Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of the N.C. Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, led in the closing prayer.

Left to Right: National Royal Rangers Commander, Bobby Forehand; Gospel Tabernacle Commander, Phil Worley; Phil Mooring, Guest Speaker; President of Men's Ministries at Gospel Tabernacle, Charles Potter.

Newly Updated For 1995!

Pastor Appreciation 1995
The Pastor and The People
"Reaping the Harvest"

Every church needs one of these!

All new format! ONLY $5.75

The People And The Pastor "Reaping The Harvest Together"

PROMO PACK

Pastor Appreciation 1995

Men's Ministries

Women's Ministries

Pastor Appreciation Promotion Packet

Our new promotion packet provides you with the concise ideas and sample materials. This packet is perfect for getting your Pastor Appreciation Program off to a great start.

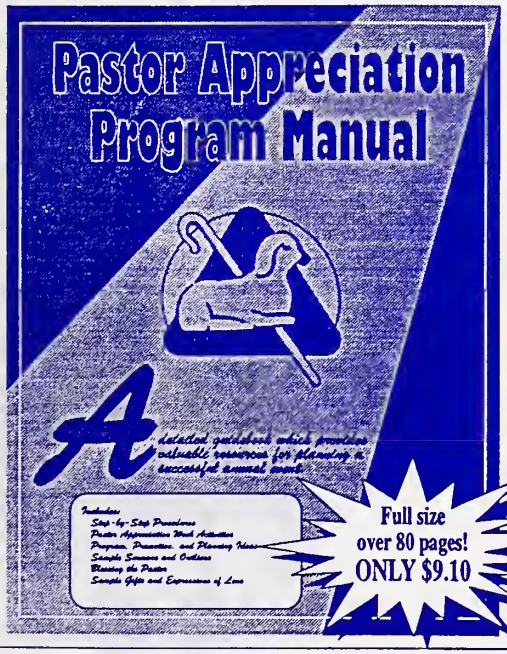
Special Features

- *Large Color Theme Poster for the Church*
- *All-New "how-to" Guide*
- *Points for planning a great Pastor Appreciation*
- *Sample order of service*
- *Sample support items*

Gift Items

- *Rolodex pocket electronic file*
- *PC Study Bible Reference Library Plus*
- *Pastor's Portable Office*
- *Rosewood Mantel Clock*
- *Many more special gift items*

In addition to the Promotional Packet, now you can order the all-new *Pastor Appreciation Program Manual.* Here's the best of the last ten years of this promotion! A great resource for every local church.



Full size over 80 pages! ONLY $9.10

Pastor Appreciation Program Manual

First-time offer! Here is *the* guide to planning a successful Pastor Appreciation event. It's packed full of detailed instructions and guidelines including the following:

- *100 ways to "show & tell" love for the pastor*
- *Sample letters, readings, and poems*
- *Program ideas*
- *Sample sermons*
- *Special events*
- *Advertising plans*
- *Media release*
- *Step–by–step plans*

Men's Ministries IPHC
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

Charge it on: ☐ ☐

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE ( ) _____

☐ Yes! Rush me the new "Pastor Appreciation Promotion Packet" $5.75
☐ Yes! Rush me the new "Pastor Appreciation Program Manual" $9.10
☐ Yes! Rush me one of each $14.90

**All prices include postage.*

Call or Fax your order Phone: 910/323-4777 Fax: 910/323-8700
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MEN'S MINISTRIES, IPHC

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

June is Sharing Sister month. I have recently enjoyed some very rewarding experiences by sharing times with some very special women and girls.

The Senior Ladies met and chose the title **"HAPPY HEARTS"** for their group. It was such a delight to meet with more than eighty ladies and share a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Mrs. Winnie Proctor, of The First Church in Goldsboro, and Mrs. Pearl Naylor, of the Clinton Church, were recognized as being 92 years old and the oldest ladies present. What an inspiration these two ladies are. Both are still actively involved in Women's Ministries and serving their God and church. A special thanks to Mrs. Blanche Pollard, Mrs. Katherine Lucas, Mrs. Daisy Morris, and Mrs. Lois Bradshaw for serving as the HAPPY HEARTS MINISTRY COMMITTEE. (See Photos)

The **GEMS Retreat** in Falcon was truly a TREASURE! My heart flooded over by way of my eyes (tears) as I watched the Treasures, YC's, G'ettes, Alphas, Betas, and PARS march into Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle. What a beautiful sight they were – nearly 500 of them. The GEMS Board (Sandra McCandless, Ruth Foley, Sarah Fuquay, and Elaine Stalls) and the GEMS District Directors did a marvelous job organizing and executing this event (See GEMS article for more details).

The **L.I.F.T. Retreat** was also a special time. I, along with the other NCWM Board members and GEMS Director attended the Lila Isaac Fellowship Retreat in Oklahoma City. This retreat was for conference leaders from all over the United States. **Fragrances of Joy** was the theme for this motivational seminar where we received training which will be beneficial to us in leading the North Carolina Conference. Our new Sharing Sister assignment was made. We now have two conferences, California and Southern California, as Sharing Sister Conferences.

As your president, I am constantly in touch with women from all over the North Carolina Conference. Letters, phone calls, meetings and planning are all an integral part of my daily activity now. I so very much APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT to NCWM and your involvement on the local level. My life is truly enriched by having the opportunity to have you all as SHARING SISTERS.

HAPPY HEARTS – Mrs. Winnie Proctor, Mrs. Pearl Naylor receive prizes for being oldest attendees at Happy Hearts meeting.

1995 NC GEMS RETREAT

On Friday, April 28, 533 people registered to participate in the 1995 NC GEMS Retreat. The theme, **Hidden Treasure,** was very evident upon entering Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle where the podium was converted to a huge pirate's ship, treasure chest and all!

The Friday evening service featured a parade of GEMS. GEMS of the Year awards were presented by Mrs. Linda Thomas, NCWM President to: Carman Fussell of Tarboro First for YC of the Year; Heather Coker of Tarboro First for G'ette of the Year; Julie Davis of Shiloh Church as Alpha of the Year; and Leslie Webb of Taboro First for Beta of the Year. Fifteen newly organized GEMS groups were recognized.

Treasure in Laughter was brought by Whitle-Do, the clown. Times to Treasure featured a presentation to the younger GEMS by Mrs. Berniece McGraw, a campfire service for the older GEMS where they enjoyed a skit about camping, and Mrs. Elaine Stalls led in a devotion.

Sometime around midnight, the girls finally allowed the sponsors to find Treasure in Rest.

Saturday morning they gathered for breakfast, a time of praise and worship, and a devotion led by Mrs. Ruth Foley. Then it was time for Treasure Hunt complete with hidden treasure, pirates and all.

Mrs. Sandra McCandless, NC GEMS Director, closed the Treasure Hunt by returning some of the GEMS treasures which had been stolen by the pirates. In doing this, she related to them that treasures can be restored if you go to the right source.

Awards were presented to numerous GEMS groups for their achievements during 1994.

Every GEMS girl and sponsor who attended this retreat certainly left RICHER for having been a part of this special retreat.

Ruth Foley tends treasure site at GEMS Retreat.

Sharing Sisters Fellowship – Daring & Different

June is Sharing Sisters month, and I want to enthusiastically encourage you to plan a special time of fellowship with your assigned Sharing Sister Women's Ministries group. Be creative and do something daring and different.

Everyone bounce out of your cozy beds early on a Saturday morning and meet in your local mall clad in your favorite walking attire. Briskly walk several laps, rhythmically swinging your arms, daintily dabbing the perspiration from your brows, while displaying radiant smiles as you joyfully chat

about that delicious cinnamon roll and hot cup of coffee you are going to stop and enjoy together. Find that special corner and share your favorite verse of scripture, your needs and joys. Pray for each other, and then with a new spring in your step, vigorously sprint to your cars and be off to your regular Saturday chores. WOW LADIES, I feel electrified just thinking about it !!

For a slower pace, pack a picnic, fill up those cars and vans and ride to the ocean. In a cool breeze and the warmth of the sunshine, take a seat and enjoy the beauty of God's creation together. With the steady roar of the sea before you, while feeling the warm sand beneath your bare feet, reminisce the goodness and power of the God we serve. Meditate on the depth of His love. Relax by taking a walk with a precious sister in Christ, and use those moments to open your heart to your new-found friend. But don't forget to carry along an extra loaf of bread to enjoy some real entertainment by feeding the sea gulls who patiently wait in the background.

Whether your choice be a fast or slow paced activity, get together and enjoy some time with the ladies who enjoy laughing just as you do, yet who suffer similar hurts and burdens. The effects can last a lifetime.

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Sharing Sisters Director

Looking Ahead –

June 3 – NCWM Convention, Culbreth Memorial Auditorium, Falcon, NC 9:00 A.M.

July 3 – Receive Blanche King Scholarship Fund Offering for missionary children's education scholarships.

August – Mail Agnes Robinson Christmas Missions Offering to NCWM Secretary-Treasurer.

September 15 & 16 – Couples Retreat in Asheville, N.C.

September 29 & 30 – Singles Retreat at Camp Dixie

September – Take Feast of Ingathering offerings to District Conferences.

November 21 – Falcon Children's Home Harvest Train

Save the Labels!

Campbell's Soup has teamed up with Falcon Children's Home. We need approximately 70,000 more labels to receive a Mini Van for the Children's Home. Our time has been extended until March 1996, however, we would like to complete this project as soon as possible. We encourage you to please clip your labels and send them directly to:

Glenna L. Tucker
13114 College Road
Petersburg, Virginia 23805

We will notify you as soon as our goal has been reached. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact The Children's Home or Mrs. Tucker.

GEMS to Jewels –

(Following is the devotion which I shared with the HAPPY HEARTS during their April meeting. Some of the ladies asked for copies, so I share it with you all. Perhaps you can use it for a program in your church at some time.)

Psalm 144:12b – That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

The word GEM comes from *gemma,* which means bud. The story of precious stones is much like blooming of flowers. The gem starts out as a dull lump of mineral matter. It is cut and polished into brilliantly flashing and beautifully glowing jewels.

There are many qualities of gems materials. The SHAPE differs with each gem mineral. The COLOR tells much about the gem. "Essential color" is true color. "Non-essential color" is the result of impurity in the mineral. The INDEX OF REFRACTION is the measurement of the speed of rays of light passing through a mineral. Minerals with a low index of refraction usually display a lower luster. The extent of refraction varies with color of light that passes through. White light passing through gems causes brilliant various-colored rays. HARDNESS is an important quality. This is rated 1 to 10. To wear well as jewels, a gem must rate at least 7. A gem can only be cut by something harder than it is. SPECIFIC GRAVITY is the comparison of the mineral weight with the weight of an equal amount of water. SOURCES OF GEMS are found all over the world – United States, Brazil, Germany, Russia, Africa, Thailand, Australia, and on and on. The underlying rock determines the kind of gem mineral. The VALUE is determined by hardness, color, brilliance, rarity and demand. CUTTING AND POLISHING of the gem is the grinding away of material until the desired shape is reached and it is brilliantly shining. The harder the gem, the harder it is to cut. (The diamond, cut and polished, is the most beautiful and most expensive.)

It is important to note that there are IMITATIONS. Because gems are beautiful, there is real demand for true gems. Sometimes imitations are offered in their stead. Imitations may fool the natural eye and even sell for a great price. They may look very good but can easily be detected by the master jeweler.

Girls and women can be likened to gems and jewels. Girls in the Pentecostal Holiness Church start out as GEMS. They are raw minerals, uncut and unpolished. We have GEMS all over the world. They come in all shapes, colors and sizes. They range from the Treasures to the PARS – very young girl to teenagers.

That GEMS girl develops from young child to teenager to young adult to womanhood and to full maturity. During the process of time and experience, the grinding and cutting of daily living, the trials of life, the testing of faith, the shaping is being done.

Some of them are very hard – and it takes hard places to cut them and shape them. Remember, they can only be shaped by something stronger than self. What a wonderful opportunity that provides for Women's Ministries to mold and shape those young lives as GEMS sponsors.

The index of refraction in the life of the girl is measured as the pure light of Jesus shines through her. Remember, His light is pure and white and reflects beautifully for all the world to see. Note, too, that any impurities cause a low luster.

The specific gravity is a factor as well. Every GEMS girl needs to find balance in her life. She is to find the center of the Christian way – not too far in any direction that she will be out of balance and impractical in the way she represents Christ.

Among the genuine, you will likely find some imitations. You can't always look at the outside with the natural eye and know that it's not the real thing. You know the saying, "You can't judge the book by its cover." BUT, under the Master Jeweler's (God's) eye, imitations are easily detected. God knows the real GEM when He sees it. You will note, too, that the imitations will not hold up long. They may look good for a while, but soon the luster will vanish and the cracks will begin to appear. Imitations are not enduring.

We see involved in our program of Women's Ministries all ages of women – from the young girls to the elderly women. We now have the HAPPY HEARTS ministry for our older ladies. They, too, come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. There is one big distinction, though. They have been through many experiences, many hard places. They have stood the test of time. The hardships of life have cut them and polished them. Unlike the imitations, they have stood the sands of time.

Our older women have proven that they rate in the jewel category. Jewels are valuable. The older they are, the more valuable they become. Jewels have been historically used as gifts. Abraham's servant gave jewels to Rebekah and her family when his son wanted her as his wife. Jewels were used for oblation unto the Lord in the Exodus account. Suitors have offered them as tokens of love. Kings robes and fingers have been bedecked with them. The Bible tells us that Heaven will be gleaming with jewels. They are precious indeed.

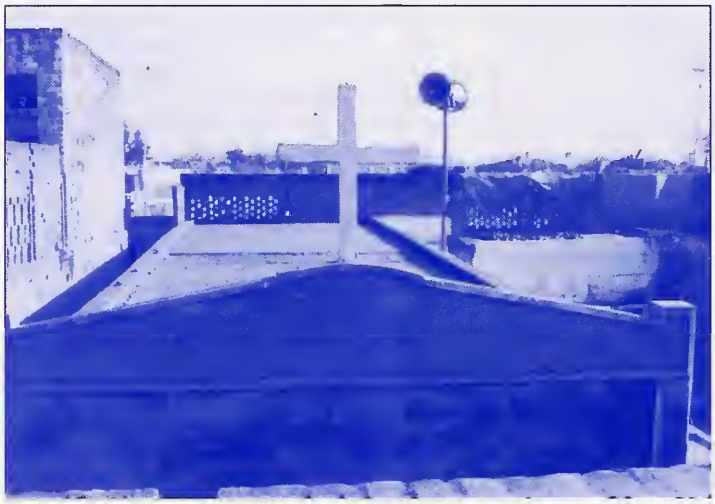
Through the trials and testing of life, our HAPPY HEARTS have been cut, polished and refined. Because they are genuine, they still gleam brightly and become more and more valuable with years. How precious they are in the sight of God – and in the sight of those of us who see them reflecting the brilliant rays of God's love to us. These lovely Christian women are truly JEWELS for the Master's crown.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

The First Church, Goldsboro, Builds the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pakistan



Baddomalhi Church Building

In 1994 overseas ministry coordinator Ray Brewster sent out a challenge for churches to build churches in the newly opened country of Pakistan. Pastor Jimmy Whitfield and member of The First Church in Goldsboro rose to the occasion. What follows is a short article of this special project:

"Someone has said one of God's greatest hindrances to working through us in the present can be what He did through us in the past. We tend to try to duplicate or recreate His workings of the past and limit His present action to methods He used yesterday.

"We at The First Church are discovering the thrill of allowing God to do some things through us for the first time. For the first time, we placed a church planting tent in Kenya; for the first time we built a missions church in Nairobi, and for the first time we have built a Pentecostal Holiness Church in Baddomalhi, Pakistan.

"The congregation in Baddomalhi now worships in a renovated building on land owned by the church. Pastor Gehaq Masih is using three rooms for his living quarters. The Baddomalhi church building is a central place for ten villages. The Pakistanian believers have expressed great gratitude for having a place of worship in Baddomalhi.

"We, here at The First Church, are now contemplating building our first church in Viet Nam. Thank God for the far reaching vision of our people to move into the harvest field. We are making friends for heaven. Many of them we will not meet until we all father from the north, south, east and west and sit together in our Lord's presence. It is indeed a privilege to be allowed to participate in God's will being done on planet earth."

Pastor Jimmy Whitfield

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
World Evangelism Emphasis Service
Falcon Camp Meeting
Sunday Night, 6:00 p.m., June 18, 1995

Opportunity for Ministry

1. The World Missions Department plans to plant another 25 churches in the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States – formerly USSR) on October 9-19 of this year. For more information call the Conference Office or the General World Missions Ministries 1-800-824-2000. World Missions is looking for 25 pastors and churches to undertake these special projects.

2. Ray Brewster reports an exciting opportunity for missions in Vietnam. "One of the exciting ministries we are involved in right now is the sponsoring of the Ten Church Planting Projects in Vietnam. For $2,000 we can plant a Pentecostal Holiness Church in Vietnam. This amount of money will train a pastor, supply 400 Bibles in Vietnamese, 400 Bible Study courses in Vietnamese, support a pastor for one year, and rent the facility for the church to use for one year."

Global Outreach Offering

Where does the money go?

Global Outreach Funds are used to:

1) Plant new churches in world class cities in the United States
2) Plant new churches in world class cities around the world
3) Support field projects
4) Support field workers and missionaries
5) Promote missions

International Pentecostal Holiness Church
P O Box 12609
Oklahoma City OK 73157

Special Prayer Request

Pray for these Summer Action Ministry Teams this summer. They are your young people involved in ministry. In addition the Northwood Temple Church and Glad Tidings Church have special ministry teams.

Summer Action Ministry Teams – 1995

UKRAINE
- July 10–August 4
- Team Leaders: Ron Vavak and Michele Vavak

LONDON
- July 10–August 4
- Team Leaders: Don Niemyer and Dean Tunstall

MEXICO
- Trip A: June 8-22
- Trip B: July 27–August 10
- Team Leaders: Quinton Moore / Abundant Life PHC, Hutchinson, KS

MOROCCO
- June 5–July 5
- Team Leaders: Don Niemyer and Julie Hammond

NORWAY
- Team Leaders: Kirk Wright and Shala Bartley

PAKISTAN
- June 5–July 5
- Team Leaders: Joshua and Lori Radford

RUSSIA
- July 10–August 4
- Team Leaders: Larry and Lorraine Faulkner

Praise Report

Praise the Lord for these worker totals at the end of April.

TOTALS

Africa	67
Asia	30
Europe and Middle East	37
Latin America	21
Special Assignment	13
Grand Total	168

Missionaries	134
LOVE	14
SOW	12
Tentmaker	8
Grand Total	168

Home Missions Sunday

June 4, 1995, has been designated the N.C. Conference Evangelism Board as Home Missions Sunday. This is also Pentecost Sunday in the annual church calendar.

The purpose of this official designation is to lift before the eyes of the people the need for local outreach in the communities of eastern North Carolina. This is primarily a prayer emphasis.

The outreach should be in several forms. First of all, Pentecostal Holiness people ought to pray for their lost neighbors, build bridges to them, and witness of the saving gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, many of our churches need to be revived and to catch hold of a new vision of God. The purpose needs to be reestablished. Churches must revisit the basics of Christianity – salvation, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, prayer, Bible reading, etc. Then too, we must continue to plant churches within the N.C. Conference. There are places within the Conference that are growing at a phenomenal rate – top 20 within the nation. Places like Apex, Jacksonville, Greenville, and coastal communities are exploding with growth. Ethnics are pouring into our state, especially Hispanics. Our population will soon be 6 percent Hispanic. There are over 6,000 Hispanics (year around) in Wake County alone. We must reach out to these Hispanics with new church services (in their own culture and language).

On June 4 every church is asked to have a special prayer for evangelism and outreach in Eastern North Carolina. If we are going to successfully win the lost, revitalize churches, and plant new churches, it will be done as WE PRAY!

NEW EVANGELIST

The N.C. Conference has been blessed with several men and women who have felt the call to full-time evangelistic work. Praise the Lord for each and every one. The church needs to be more evangelistic and needs to reach out to those who are lost. Recently a new evangelist has stepped out by faith.

Rev. William Frederick Hooper, Jr. (Bill) has left the comforts and security of the pastorate to devote his ministry skills to do the work of an evangelist. Brother Hooper joined the N.C. Conference in June 1990. He was ordained in June 1993. He has pastored the Goshen Church and most recently the Shelmerdine Church. His ministry was utilized for a short while as a part-time youth pastor of the Christian Chapel Church.

Evangelist Hooper is married to the former Melanie Thompson of Goldsboro, N.C. He is a graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., having graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

It is a pleasure to recommend Brother Hooper to our pastors and churches as a full-time evangelist. He is presently booking services and revival meetings. He may be reached at (919) 757-2574, Route 1, Box 261-4, Grimesland, NC 27837.

Following are a few brief statements in Brother Hooper's own words about his call to evangelism.

Rev. and Mrs. William Hooper

My journey in the ministry began in January 1987 when I simply told the Lord that I would go during a service at the Harker's Island P.H. Church. I had no idea at that time what I would do or where I would go. Nevertheless, the Lord continued to guide me in my education and ultimately in my choice of careers. While working a secular job in 1991, I began to feel a drawing to the full-time ministry. In just a short while God opened the door for me to be able to pastor. Although I found this type of ministry to be fulfilling, I quickly began to feel the urgency to evangelize. Melanie and I knew even then that one day we would be on the evangelism field. However, we were very cautious not to be too swift until God had given the confirmation. On November 23, 1994, at the Tarboro First P.H. Church, I received my confirmation from God to enter the full-time evangelism ministry. From that time until now Melanie and I have continued to pray for God's leading as for the appropriate time to step down from pastoring. As of this time, we believe that our work here at Shelmerdine has been completed. We now wait with anticipation for God to open the doors in the field of Evangelism!

Rev. William Hooper

Ninety-Sixth
1900-
1995
Anniversary

1995 FALCON CAMP MEETING

JUNE 11-18, 1995

CULBRETH AUDITORIUM
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
6:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Rev. Jimmy Whitfield

MONDAY, JUNE 12
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
Joe Russell, Jr
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
– Jimmy Whitfield

TUESDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
Frank Moore
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Jimmy Whitfield

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
H. P. Woodard
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Jimmy Whitfield

THURSDAY, JUNE 15
8:00 A.M.– Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Devotional Service
Everette Eatmon
11:00 A.M. – Jesus in the Pentateuch
Chris Thompson
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.– Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Falcon Children's Home Emphasis
Message: Dr. Jesse Simmons

FRIDAY, JUNE 16
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Promotional Conference
Dr. Jesse Simmons, Presiding Officer
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – 1995 Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
3:30 P.M. – Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Evangelistic Service
Elvio Canavesio

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Conference Christian Education Convention
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. – Youth Emphasis
Director Bobby Forehand
Message: Elvio Canavesio

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
8:00 A.M. – Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
Rev. Bobby Forehand
11:00 A.M. – Worship
Superintendent Elwood Long
12:30 P.M. – Lunch
3:30 P.M. – Singspiration
Director David Wheeler
4:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:00 P.M. – World Evangelism Emphasis
Director Chris Thompson
Message: Elvio Canavesio

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—MARCH 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Kinston First	680	----	315	----	321	228
The Capital	349	----	222	----	140	240
Gospel Tabernacle	421	30	200	39	264	228
The First	360	----	193	----	----	----
Greenville First	240	----	178	----	135	90
Tarboro First	214	21	174	30	233	130
Stedman	268	----	170	----	265	162
Shiloh WD	277	51	162	51	176	98
Whitley	269	----	157	----	225	169
Mt. Carmel	328	----	154	----	180	107
Lumberton	326	18	136	18	160	75
Harkers Island	127	----	130	----	----	----
Robersonville	184	----	126	----	138	123
Bizzell Grove	160	40	121	33	85	48
Williamston	155	4	118	7	116	86
Culbreth Memorial	204	25	118	20	229	138
Peniel	259	----	116	----	107	58
Wilson First	----	----	116	----	----	76
Pikes Crossroads	199	70	113	23	146	65
Smyrna	----	----	108	----	----	70
Belfast	107	----	107	----	90	95
St. Pauls	132	57	103	14	132	84
Brentwood	120	----	101	----	128	136
Clinton	163	52	100	52	46	56
Wallace	178	----	100	----	67	69
Eastside	121	77	97	25	----	----
St. Paul	130	----	96	----	40	29
Bethany	151	8	96	23	109	47
New Bern First	126	----	90	----	90	66
Harvest Temple	177	65	88	47	109	44
Roanoke Rapids	266	717	82	717	101	20
Hope Mills	150	30	81	24	80	32
Selma	100	----	81	----	----	----
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	77	----	86	50
Midway	141	31	77	28	81	34
St. John	133	----	75	----	34	50
Stantonsburg	180	----	75	----	----	----
Mt. Olive	108	----	70	----	----	----
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	69	----	140	75
Emmanuel	91	----	68	----	50	32
Hollands Chapel	65	----	66	----	30	28
Moores Chapel	106	----	66	----	72	44
Brocks Chapel	156	----	66	----	91	38
Winterville	86	----	65	----	----	----
Roper	118	----	65	----	102	51
Holly Hill	108	----	64	----	104	30
Winter Park	----	----	64	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	117	----	62	----	----	----
Sharon	99	----	62	----	43	25
Kenly	89	----	61	----	----	----
Benson	143	22	61	36	----	35
Ahoskie	104	----	60	----	59	31
Shelmerdine	121	----	60	----	----	63
Trinity CD	130	----	59	----	55	35
Westview	110	----	58	----	52	45
Wilmington	142	----	58	----	142	26
Ayden	----	----	58	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	57	----	59	42
St. Matthew	73	----	57	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	56	----	----	----
Rehoboth	137	----	56	----	60	30
Bridgeton	75	----	56	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	124	----	56	----	----	----
Hobgood	88	----	55	----	----	----
Grace Community	217	----	54	----	186	37
Hamilton	83	----	54	----	----	----
Graham Memorial	100	----	53	----	54	26
Thunderswamp	102	----	52	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	85	----	52	----	44	18
Jones Grove	57	----	52	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	52	----	65	47
Shiloh FD	81	----	52	----	----	----
Living Waters	73	----	51	----	89	35
Spring Hope	59	----	51	----	53	60
Hodges Chapel	79	----	50	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	72	72	50	72	----	19
Baywood	----	----	50	----	----	25
Warsaw	68	----	48	----	48	11
Sanford First	94	----	47	----	49	39
New Vision	56	----	46	----	37	24
Jacksonville	62	----	46	----	55	31
Albritton	59	18	46	18	43	31
Goshen	74	----	45	----	36	29
Tabernacle	58	----	44	----	58	36
Westmoreland	111	26	44	22	68	25
Niagara	139	----	43	----	40	23
Red Springs	70	----	43	----	----	----
Faith WD	57	47	42	36	----	----
Thomas Chapel	126	----	42	----	66	19
Hopewell	----	----	42	----	----	36
Weldon	66	----	42	----	----	----
Boardman	287	----	41	----	205	13
Vanceboro	45	----	41	----	----	----
Alliance	45	----	40	----	48	26
Liberty	41	----	40	----	----	----
Garland	60	----	40	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	89	----	39	----	----	----
Maranatha	50	----	39	----	20	37
Friendship WD	89	----	39	----	50	36
Bethel	86	----	38	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	38	----	----	----
Bailey	64	----	37	----	----	19
Alert	66	----	36	----	28	----
Sims	66	----	35	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	104	----	34	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	34	----	28	16
Lamm's Grove	65	----	32	----	----	----
Heritage	59	----	32	----	72	39
Lowland	38	----	32	----	28	32
Clayton	56	----	32	----	----	----
Washington	44	----	31	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	31	----	27	21
Calvary Temple	54	----	31	----	22	14
Wades Point	41	----	29	----	----	----
Warrenton	34	----	28	----	22	16
Calvary LD	----	----	28	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	----	----	27	----	----	14
Shekinah	50	----	27	----	----	----
New Hope	34	----	26	----	----	----
Farmville	36	----	26	----	----	----
Goose Creek	45	----	26	----	26	16
Plymouth	26	----	25	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	23	----	45	13
Black Creek	49	----	23	----	----	----
Christian Chapel	29	----	19	----	----	----
Merritts Chapel	60	----	18	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	17	----	16	7
New Life	27	----	15	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	14	----	----	----
New Creation	10	----	10	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	15	----	8	----	----	----
Belhaven	8	----	8	----	----	----
Lighthouse	7	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	8	----	----	----
Middlesex	21	----	7	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	7	----	----	----
Total:	14,759	1,481	8,820	1,335	6,800	4,523
Average:				64	92	55
Count:			136		74	82

1995 NATIONALS

Radisson Grand Resort
Charlotte, NC

and... Youth Congress

REV. S. PAUL HOWELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CHURCH ED. MINISTRIES

REV. LARRY HARPER
NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR
CHURCH ED. MINISTRIES

REV. DON NIEMYER
SAM DIRECTOR
ASST. YOUTH DIRECTOR
CHURCH ED. MINISTRIES

REV. RICHARD GOAD
NATIONAL TALENT DIRECTOR

REV. TERRY FOWLER
NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ DIRECTOR

REV. BOBBY FOREHAND
NATIONAL ROYAL RANGERS COMMANDER

"Living Word Singers"
Sunday Night Praise & Worship Celebration

"The Sound"
Thursday Night Concert
Youth Congress Special Guests

AUGUST 6-11, 1995

Gregg Johnson

Featured Speaker
National Youth Congress

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

(289.9)
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 JULY 1995 NUMBER 7

**"America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea."**

**(From "America The Beautiful"
Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929)**

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

ARE YOU READY?

Most of us engaged in the childish game of hide and seek. We would count while the others are hiding. "Ready or not, here I come!" would be our shout of intent.

Preparation is always necessary. It is important as we embark on a journey to prepare. A new job venture requires the same kind of attention if we are to be properly prepared. Entering into a marriage requires intensive readiness. Enrolling in a new school has its own requirements too.

The people of Israel were on the edge of entering The Promised Land. Joshua announced to them, **"Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you"** (3:5). They must be ready! A new opportunity was theirs. Standing on the threshold of this anticipated adventure their leader called for special preparation.

Joshua, Moses' successor, had been appointed by the Lord God of Israel to lead the people into this new arena of activity – a land flowing with milk and honey.

The new leader, Joshua, had instructed the people to prepare to pass over the Jordan. The people had responded positively. Joshua sent out spies to check out Jericho and the surrounding area. After they returned with a report that looked promising, Joshua had the army to camp on the banks of the river. They were sitting on ready to possess their God-given inheritance. Final readiness was being formulated; excitement and anticipation prevailed as they heard, **"Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you."** There are some things in this mandate that capture my attention. I see some parallel truths for the church today.

God wants to do wonders among His people. He is willing and ready. He is well able to do miracles among His people. This is not only true of yesterday and some elusive tomorrow; it is vitally true today. The people of God could glance into the past and remember the great wonders of deliverance as He fed and protected them and steered them to the safety of Jordan's banks.

When Messiah appeared, He gave renewed emphasis to the promises of God.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them Matthew 18:19, 20.

Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father John 14:12.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen Matthew 28:16-20.

Trials, problems, and other seeming barriers were to never impede God's work among His people. Better yet, those obstacles became opportunities to show His mighty power. A den of lions? What is that to the God of Daniel?

A burning fiery furnace in Nebuchadnezzar's regime? What hindrance is that to the God who is a consuming fire?

Five thousand hungry men and their families are fed by the Master's touch on five loaves and two fish. A lonely disciple exiled on an island called Patmos; that is no problem to an omnipotent, omnipresent God.

He is a wonder-working God!

The people must prepare for the ensuing trek of promise because that is the kind of people our God works through. The Lord will act on our behalf when we are ready. We must "set the stage" for the display of His mighty power. Note this truth in 11 Chronicles 7:14, **"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."** That is God's proposal. He has a plan for prepared people.

Joshua gives the faithful followers their directions on how to prepare. He tells them they must "sanctify" themselves. This basically meant two things. They were to separate from all evil, and they were to be dedicated to God's will and purpose for their lives.

It is not enough that the military personnel, the spiritual elders, and the priesthood be sanctified. The call is for all the people to be sanctified in preparation for the wonder-working God to show Himself mighty to deliver and set free.

The promising prospect is that bigger things await us; a greater day looms on near horizons of our vision. Joshua could see it. Leadership must always see it first in order to successfully lead. Followers have a right to expect that of leaders.

The wonders our God did among us yesterday, prophecies of what He will do today, and today's wonders are guarantees of tomorrow's provision.

He is ready to bare His great arm in victory. This is the same God who provided the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. The promised land is just beyond this Jordan. It is only a small non-existent trickel in His hand. This will disappear like the walls of Jericho sinking themselves into the earth at His command.

If we, the people of God, will prepare ourselves in His sanctifying Presence, He will do wonders now!

Our preparation: we will walk in faith, not in fear. You may even be at a "Red Sea" barrier. Don't listen to the noise and hoofbeats and chariot wheels. Look at our Commander In Chief who has opened the murky waters and given us a promise of dry passage.

We must drop every murmuring and complaining spirit that hinders and believe the God of miracles who opens the way before us.

He is the way!

If we refuse to obey the Lord in preparation for the wonders of His grace and province to prevail, we will not only cripple ourselves. We will hinder our posterity and rob God of the glory and ourselves of the victory.

Sanctify yourself – It is a day of God's wonder-working power!

–TEL

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

In Memory

We pause to remember some wonderful people and to rejoice that they passed our way on their journey to heaven. The Apostle Paul reminds us "to be absent from the body is to be present with Christ." All these individuals are now with Him who prepared a place of eternal bliss and blessing for them. A place more glorious and wonderful than anything they had ever seen or imagined. A place that is the answer to all their prayers and the fulfillment of all their hopes and dreams. We celebrate the homegoing of some precious saints.

Reverend Mrs. Carrie Bullard

She was born in Columbus County, NC, on April 16, 1932. On December 18, 1948, she married her husband James. She became a born-again Christian in 1949. She received her Mission Worker's License in 1968 and was licensed to preach in 1991 and ordained in 1992. Sister Carrie was the pastor of the Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church from 1974 until she died this year, a total of twenty-one years of pastoral ministry. Sister Bullard was an inspiration and encouragement to everyone who knew her. Her sterling example and radiant smile always served as a reminder of God's love and Presence in the lives of His people. She loved her family, her church, her friends but her greatest love was the Lord Jesus Christ. She went home to be with the Lord on June 12, 1995. She has passed from this world as a faithful worker for God and has entered into her eternal reward.

Sister Bullard's funeral service was conducted at her beloved Boardman church on Wednesday, June 14, 1995. Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long was assisted in the service by Paul Page, a dear friend, and Dr. Ray Lundy, pastor of Fair Bluff Baptist Church. I thought our readers would like to see the following article written by Dr. Lundy prior to Mrs. Bullard's homegoing. (TEL)

SONG OF THE SOUL

Rev. Carrie Bullard is no stranger to suffering and pain. Several months ago she learned that she had cancer, and since that time she has had surgery and treatments for the disease. Her family, her church, and her friends have surrounded her with their love, prayers, and devotion. Her husband James, and her children have been there for her to help her, but the main struggle has been hers.

During the last several months there is one thing that has been revealed to all of us who know and love Carrie Bullard. Her faith in the Lord has come shining through the darkness of the struggle. Never once have I heard her complain. Never once have I heard her question the Lord. Never once have I heard her ask, "Why me, Lord?" even though it would have been perfectly normal to ask such a question. She has prayed for healing but has accepted whatever lot God has for her.

I have known many ministers in my life, many men and a few women. However, I have never known one as dedicated to the Lord, the Church, and His kingdom as Carrie Bullard. She has been an excellent pastor, preacher, and minister. She really deserves the title bestowed upon her by the Church and the title which signifies her high calling. Carrie Bullard truly deserves to be called Reverend, because she has exemplified the character of her Master.

With my own eyes I have beheld one of the greatest sermons which has been heard or seen. That sermon has come not from the pulpit but from the heart.

In England there is a little bird, the sedge warbler, who hides in the hedges at night. It sings a singular medley of notes, chirps, and thrills called warbles. However, in the blackness of night when the little bird is disturbed and frightened, it sings its most beautiful song.

Rev. Carrie Bullard has sung many songs in her churches through the years, but her most beautiful song has come through the dark night of pain, fear and suffering. Her music is the divine music which comes from within. Her music is the song of the soul. God has taught her to sing in the darkness, because "He gives songs in the night."

Reverend Walter E. Floyd

He was a chosen vessel dedicated to the service of the Lord and His Church. He was born on October 11, 1929, and died on March 23, 1995. On November 24, 1947, he married Ms. Lillian Spain. Brother Walter gave his heart to Christ in 1956 while attending the Rocky Mount Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was licensed to preach on August 10, 1962, and ordained on August 7, 1964. He pastored churches in Warrenton, Windsor, Calypso, Abbottsburg, and Wakelon. He served as an evangelist for seventeen years.

He was a faithful and cooperative brother in ministry who blessed many hearts and lives. Throughout his life he demonstrated integrity and determination in his walk with the Lord. He has fought a good fight, and today he is at home with Jesus.

Brother Floyd's service was at the South Henderson Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Frank Sossamon officiating.

Reverend Hubert M. Pope

He was born in Sampson County on January 21, 1901. He was born again in 1920 under an old gospel tent at an evangelistic service. He was licensed to preach in 1935 and ordained in 1937. He pastored Calypso, Mount Olive, Jones Grove, Wallace, Warsaw, Elizabethtown, Saint Matthew, Goshen, Williamston, Windsor, Roper, Antioch, Whitley, Peniel, Shiloh (Fayetteville) District.

At the time of his homegoing Brother Pope was the eldest clergy member of the North Carolina Conference. He was 94. Clinton First was the honored place of his funeral. Pastor David Wheeler, Rev. J. Doner Lee, and Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long officiated.

Brother Pope was known for his wit, wisdom, and dignity. He was a Christian gentleman and a pastor's friend. He and his wife Dorothy always made people feel special with their wonderful expressions of courteous hospitality. Brother Pope passed on to his reward on March 13, 1995. He will be missed, but we will cherish his memory until that day we meet him again around God's throne.

Reverend J. Kader Rawls

He was born in Robersonville, NC, on April 23, 1918. He was converted in 1953, licensed to preach in 1959, and was ordained in 1961. He pastored Wakelon, Merritt's Chapel, Plymouth, Windsor, Pinetown, Wades Point, and Winterville. He evangelized for two years.

Brother Rawls and his wife Sybil were dear and precious friends to many people in the North Carolina Conference. He was a Christian gentleman with a stable character and a quick smile. He labored diligently and unselfishly in all his assignments and sought to please God in every situation. Although he experienced a debilitating affliction in his later years, he never questioned God. He often shared with his wife some nugget of truth the Holy Spirit had placed in his heart. One of the last statements he made to his wife was, "Sybil, the Lord just whispered in my ear that I am going to walk again in the land of the living." On December 9, 1994, Brother J. Kader Rawls walked into eternity and saw his precious Lord and wonderful Savior.

Pastor Noah Barefoot, Jr. and Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long officiated in his honor at the Robersonville Church.

We thank God for all these precious men and one lady whose lives were testimonies to their faith and whose good works caused others to glorify their Heavenly Father.

"Think of stepping on shore, and finding it Heaven!
Of taking hold of a Hand, and finding it God's Hand,
Of breathing new air, and finding it celestial air,
Of feeling invigorated, and finding it immortality,
Of passing from storm and tempest to an unbroken calm,
Of waking up, and finding it Home!"

We have loved and now we will miss all these Christian brothers and sisters, BUT WE KNOW THEY ARE FINALLY HOME, and for that we rejoice.

Our Loss Is Heaven's Gain!

CHURCH NEWS

A cup of coffee . . . an instrument of God?

Mug a Month Ministries

Ever shared your thoughts, your cares, your plans, your hurts, or your secrets over a cup of coffee? Do you ever meet a friend – just to have coffee? The cup warms your hands and the conversation warms your heart. Then you understand the role a simple cup can play in our lives.

In much of the world it is natural for people to gather at the local shops to visit over a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea. What better place is there to tell someone about the hope of salvation?

Coffee houses are more than just refreshment stops. They provide counseling, Bible studies, one-on-one evangelism, prayer meetings, Christian literature and Bible distribution, leadership training, video evangelism, fellowship and more. *And all because a simple mug of coffee has become an instrument used by God.*

Currently, we have four coffee houses operating: *The Cornerstone Coffee House* in Davao City, Philippines; *The Baguio City Coffee House* in Baguio City, Philippines; *The Friendship House (TGIF)* in Tokyo, Japan; and *The Loaves & Fishes Coffee Shop* in Jerusalem, Israel.

If you would like to participate in this unique ministry, complete the form below and mail to Mug A Month, P.O. Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2609, or call 1-800-824-2000.

- ❑ Yes! I want to help evangelize the world.
  - ❑ I would like to contribute $5/month ($60/year). Please send me my reminder mug.
  - ❑ I would like to contribute $15/month ($180/year). Please send me my set of three (3) reminder mugs as shown above.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Telephone (Area Code) _____

Church: _____

Conference: _____

Superannuated Birthdays For July

Rev. Mrs. Mozelle Dowd ..... July 4
Rev. Sherrill Pope ..... July 4
Rev. M. R. Britton ..... July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall ..... July 19
Rev. Ezra Fann ..... July 21

WANTED:

Minister of Music
Pikes Crossroads
Pentecostal Holiness Church

Send Resume or Contact:
Pastor Charles Gentry
105 Western Wayne Drive
Pikeville, NC 27863
(919) 736-7988

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

July is the month of birthdays in our family. We celebrate birthdays for my husband, Joe, two of our sons, Scott and Allen; our foster daughter, Lisa; a great uncle, a great aunt, a nephew, a niece's husband, a great niece, and a great nephew. There is no shortage of birthday cake and family celebration during this peak-of-the-summer month.

In Women's Ministries, we focus on the birthday of a very special lady, Mrs. Blanche L. King, who had a compassion for our missionaries' children and saw the need for finances to help with their college education. YOU are invited every year during the month of July to be a part of this celebration by giving to the King Scholarship Fund.

But July is also the month of another birthday – the birthday of our great nation. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence. This date has been celebrated ever since as the birthday of the United States.

I am a very patriotic person, one who gets a lump in the throat when our flag passes by me in a parade. I cry when I hear our national anthem. I love America and am grateful for the privileges afforded me here. I still believe America is the land of the brave and the free.

This great nation was born out of desire for liberty. Our forefathers fought, and many of them died to bring about the freedoms which we now enjoy. One of those freedoms is our First Amendment right of free exercise of our religion. Some would have us believe that this right has been abolished. It has not! We, as Christians, just need to practice it more consistently. The Church cannot continue to tell our children that they can't pray in school – this is not truth. That freedom has not been taken from us, and we must not continue to brainwash our children into believing that their prayers are unlawful. Let's teach them the truth – they are protected under the First Amendment to freely exercise their religion.

Our minds are being so bombarded today with what is wrong with America that I am afraid we might be forgetting what is right with America. Where else in the world can people enjoy the privileges and freedoms we do? Although she is flawed and bruised by the perils of sin (as is the rest of the world), America is still the greatest nation in the world. I truly believe that "There is nothing wrong with America that can't be cured by what is right with America."

As Christians, let us restore to our children that pride in our country that we enjoyed as young people. Let's teach them the beauty and privilege of being a citizen of the United States and instill in them the importance of keeping America a Christian nation. Let us show the world that we are proud to be Americans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! May God continue to shed His grace on you.

1995 Convention Notes

On Saturday, June 3, 1995, Superintendent T. E. Long welcomed the ladies of North Carolina Women's Ministries to the Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle for the annual convention. The State of NCWM report was given by President Linda Thomas and plaques were presented to the local WM groups who had earned Award of Superiority Bars and Awards of Superiority for the 1994 year.

Representatives from Emmanuel College, Southwestern College, and Holmes College of the Bible spoke their appreciation for the support NCWM gives them through the Feast of Ingathering. NCWM board members shared the responsibilities of their portfolio assignments.

A beautiful memorial service was led by Mrs. Jean Williams honoring those WM members who passed away during 1994. A bouquet was assembled by Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson using a carnation to represent each deceased member. Following the convention, the bouquet was carried to Golden Years Home for enjoyment by the residents there.

The Holly Hill Ladies Ensemble sang "The Family of God" to begin the worship portion of the convention. The theme, SHARING AND CARING – THROUGH PRAYER, was most beautifully portrayed by guest speaker, Mrs. Ethelene Stuart. Mrs. Stuart, who currently serves as the Florida Conference WM President, was introduced by Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson. Mrs. Johnson, immediate past president of NCWM, and Mrs. Stuart had been Sharing Sisters during the past quadrennium.

The climactic part of the convention was the Share and Care Time. The ladies were assigned to groups made up of two districts each for a time of sharing and praying. This was a blessed time of unity and fellowship. During this session, each lady chose a sharing sister and took her prayer request card. They also exchanged handkerchiefs over which they had prayed to serve as reminders of their prayer commitment to each other.

In closing, the ladies presented approximately $1,300.00 to go toward the Falcon Camp Grounds Renovation Fund. Following the benediction, open house was held at the Octagon Tabernacle, the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Past Presidents of NCWM served as hostesses for this event.

The convention was an informative, as well as worshipful, event. Each person present was given a packet of information and materials to share with the local WM.

Honor Veteran Missionaries...

Having been a missionary myself for twenty-five years, I have picked up a whole bag of "precious memory nuggets" along the way. Allow me to drop one of them into your storehouse of "things-to-remember."

The "precious memory nugget" I wish to share now is a scene from the missionary career of Rev. and Mrs. K. E. M. Spooner. In the early years of our missionary work, Jettie and I spearheaded the work of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Rustenburg District of South Africa. In those days, Brother Spooner had already passed on to Glory; and Sister Spooner, eager to follow him, was well-advanced in

years. Her many years of physically active service were over, and she was bedridden and almost blind. I was blessed to be able to spend time with her and assist in any way I could. Sometimes I would do her correspondence, writing as she dictated; but much of the time, I would sit in her tiny bedroom just listening while she, mind still clear and alert, unfolded memory after memory.

As a young black couple who had come to the United States from Barbados, Kenneth and Geraldine Spooner had dedicated their lives to God. He, in turn, had called them to dedicate their lives to missionary work in Africa. God had wonderfully provided the money for their ship tickets from New York to Cape Town, South Africa. All, that is, EXCEPT $50. The last $50 just didn't come, but the Spirit of God moved them to go on to New York anyway. They obeyed, trusting that God knew best. They packed their personal belongings, traveled to New York, went to the hotel and waited. Kenneth and Geraldine continued praying for the $50, knowing that God was aware that the ship was scheduled to leave the next day.

Come morning, they dressed for travel and went down to the hotel dining room for breakfast. They seated themselves at a table for three. They bowed their heads and thanked God for the day and the food, reminding Him once more of the $50. Before they finished their meal, a middle aged, white man asked if he could share their table. They welcomed him, and the three enjoyed a time of conversation. Just before they rose to go their separate ways, the stranger nudged Mr. Spooner and slipped something to him under the table. They said their goodbyes and the stranger was gone.

Back in their bedroom, Mr. Spooner pulled the gift from his pocket. The two young missionaries began to praise God as they saw that the gift from the stranger was exactly $50. The tickets were bought, and the Spooners were on their way. This was the first of many miracles God did in the lives of this dedicated couple who went on to spend over fifty years in missionary work on the field of God's calling. Veteran missionaries of our church have paved the way, often under adverse circumstances, for the spread of the Gospel in our world today. How we thank God for their dedicated lives!

Written by Sue Parker

Blanche L. King Scholarship Fund...

Blanche L. King, who was the wife of Bishop J. H. King, was also a highly hon-

Blanche L. King

ored and respected General Women's Auxiliary President in the early years. She loved missions and felt a deep burden that provision should be made for the children of missionaries to receive a good education. Thus, in time, the Blanche L. King Scholarship Fund was established.

We, in loving memory of and respect for Sister King, and in love for God, our missionaries and their children, give an annual offering in July of each year to the Fund to make possible scholarship grants for deserving young MK's (missionary kids).

Children of our missionaries have been provided assistance through Emmanuel, Holmes, and Southwestern Colleges. We, here in North Carolina Conference, are blessed to be able to see some former recipients receive God's call on their own lives and return to the field and service for God. I am thinking, in particular, of Ron and Sharon Wooten; but there are other MK's whom God has also called to missions work.

And so, the cycle goes on – and so does the fulfilling of Christ's Great Commission! Don't forget to receive your Blanche King Scholarship Fund Offering during July in memory of Mrs. King's July 3rd birthday.

Written by Sue Parker

Summer Picnic Recipes

CONFETTI SALAD

1 Can French Style Stringbeans
1 Can LeSeur Peas
1 Large Jar Diced Pimento
1 Can White Shoepeg Corn
1 Cup Diced Bell Pepper (Yellow or Green)
1 Cup Diced Celery
1/2 Cup Diced Onion

Drain canned vegetables. Mix all vegetables together. Mix 3/4 cup vinegar, 1 cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon celery seeds together and bring to boil. Cool thoroughly. Pour vinegar mixture over vegetables and marinate in refrigerator at least 12 hours prior to serving.

NEIMAN MARCUS CAKE

1 Box Yellow Cake Mix
1 Cup Chopped Pecans
1 Stick Margarine (melted)
1 Large Egg

Beat and press into 11 x 15 baking pan (greased and floured).

8 Ounces Cream Cheese
3 Beaten Eggs
1 Box Powdered Sugar

Beat thoroughly and pour over cake mixture. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

Ms. Pauline Edwards

"I never thought a Conference WM President would take time just for me." These words drew me back to spend some final moments with her at the celebration of her home going (funeral) on June first, 1995.

In 1986 at the close of a district fellowship meeting, Sister Pauline Edwards told me how she lived alone and was lonely except for her church family at Vaughn's Chapel. Leon and I asked her to have coffee and dessert with us at a local restaurant that night. We lingered over the second cup of coffee as she talked. It was time well spent, time just for her.

She served as the local church Sec/trea. and pianist. She was the WM Sec/trea. and a strong tower for all who knew her.

Ms. Pauline always talked with excitement when telling someone that she was in attendance at the organizational meeting of the General Woman's Auxiliary in Oklahoma City June 14, 1945.

Her life centered around her church and church family. They are her only survivors. The beautiful floral designs, especially the casket spray purchased by the church, spoke of their love for her too.

Everyone "can" make a difference. She was one who "did" make a difference so many times in a myriad of ways for people needing people, people just like me.

Submitted by:
Mary Belle Johnson

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Our Newest Church

Independence PH Church

Official Board – Independence PH Church

On Sunday night, May 14, at 6:00 p.m., Superintendent Long and I attended the Independence Pentecostal Holiness Church near Bailey, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to officially organize the Independence Church as a member of the NC Conference and International Pentecostal Holiness Church. This makes 167 officially organized churches and two church-type missions. This was the second newly organized church this year and third church to come under the umbrella of the Conference this year.

The Independence Church was begun several years ago and has been closely akin to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They have made good progress. Under the capable leadership of Pastor John C. Finch they have grown to a good solid church and have constructed a church building with a Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms. Their building is paid for. Pastor Finch will be retiring in June. A new pastor will be selected then.

We welcome this congregation into our membership. May the Lord richly bless them with growth and outreach.

Increases For The Kingdom

Each year Evangelism USA, Oklahoma City, under Director James Leggett, awards special certificates to churches who have reached certain milestones of attendance and membership. These Director's Awards are in two forms – the Gold and Silver Awards.

The Gold Award is given to churches whose Decadal Growth Rate is more than 100%. The growth rate is a composite average of church a.m. attendance, church membership, and weekly systematic Bible Study. (Systematic Bible Study is the sum total of all people who are taught the Bible in a week's time in some ministry of the local church.) This year the NC Conference had nine churches who qualify for this prestigious award.

The Silver Award is given to those churches whose Annual Growth Rate is 10% or more. The NC Conference had thirty-eight churches who qualified for this award.

Congratulations and a hearty WELL DONE is in order for both these groups of churches. Below is a listing of the churches and pastors.

All awards are based on 1994 statistics.

DIRECTOR'S GOLD AWARD
COMPOSITE DECADAL RATE OF 100% OR MORE
NC CONFERENCE

CHURCH	1993	1994	DGR	PASTOR
Alliance	13	36	188.00	Lee Tolder
Faith, Edenton	25	70	185.71	Danny Gurganus
Midway	12	96	700.00	Jimmy Barnhill
Glad Tidings	211	412	142.81	Maurice Phelps
Selma	33	69	109.09	Harold Turpin
Stantonsburg	34	79	133.33	Sidney Webb
Stedman	88	178	101.89	Randall Strickland
Whitley	120	248	106.67	Ferrell Hardison
Eastside	38	122	225.33	Anthony Rogers

DIRECTOR'S SILVER AWARD
COMPOSITE ANNUAL RATE OF 10% OR MORE
NC CONFERENCE

CHURCH	1993	1994	DGR	PASTOR
Aberdeen	36	48	31.19	Horace Warwick
Abundant Life	30	38	28.09	M. Bethea Moore
Alliance	31	36	14.89	Lee C. Toler
Benson	84	119	42.23	L. B. Collins
Bethel	51	59	14.94	J. Frank Gentry
Brentwood	111	126	14.16	Julian Thompson
Calvary	11	20	78.79	Roger Banks
Carson Mem.	44	48	9.92	Sherwood O'Neal
Clayton	42	57	37.60	
Emmanuel	60	80	32.60	Frank Elliott
Garland	26	32	24.68	Dwight L. Jones
Goshen	50	55	11.41	William Allen Mayo
Grace Com.	65	81	25.77	Ronnie Gurganus
Lamm's Grove	31	35	12.90	Steven B. Wells
Lighthouse	7	13	80.95	H. P. Woodard
Maranatha	31	37	20.43	Marty Warren

Merritts Chapel	31	36	16.13	Wiley D. Vick
Missionary Hol.	24	38	59.15	Buck Parnell
New Vision	33	51	55.10	Lamarr Jackson
New Covenant	21	27	29.03	Dale Eatmon
New Hope	27	32	21.25	Ed Woolard
Reelsboro	62	78	27.03	McElree Purifoy
Rehoboth	63	72	14.81	Linwood Conner
Robersonville	116	130	12.03	Noah Barefoot
Roper	82	96	16.67	John L. Hinson
Saint Paul	117	129	10.26	Randy Reece
Selma	43	69	61.72	H. R. Turpin
Smithfield	40	45	11.67	
Snow Hill	37	42	13.39	Marvin Rogers
Swanquarter	9	11	17.86	Dorthy Williams
The Capital	222	244	9.60	Roland L. Harrell
The Genesis	44	49	9.77	Vernon Potter
Trenton	64	77	20.31	I. C. Wyatt
Trinity	52	64	24.52	Lotis C. Joyner
Wallace	115	128	11.34	Thomas McLaurin
Westview	45	53	18.52	Samuel Weaver
Whitley	202	248	22.77	Ferrell Hardison
Winter Park	104	129	24.12	L. James Young

Missionary Updates

Mike and Christy Via – Mike and Christy have been reassigned to Haiti. The political situation in Togo has become much worse. Bob Cave has left Haiti and is on leave of absence. Because of these situations and their French language skills, the Vias will be serving in Haiti. They are critically needed there. They arrived in Fayetteville on June 6. They will be in transition and raising support until September. By that time they will be on the job in Haiti. Their account needs help due to emergencies in Togo and to cover cost in transition.

Elizabeth Rogers – Betty will arrive home the last of July and will be on furlough in Falcon until January.

Linwood Berry – Linwood will come home for three or four weeks in August. Due to the work in Spain, he and Nancy will not come home on furlough until next year.

Ed Sauvageau – Ed and Judy are in the missions apartment in Clinton (910) 592-1327. They are available for services. Recently two of our churches where Ed ministered has asked him back for a revival. He is a powerful preacher and greatly used of the Lord. His itineration will last probably until the first of the year.

Jana Guitar – Jana has been working faithfully as a SOW Worker in Durban, South Africa. She has begun steps to being a full-term missionary. Pray for her that the process will be a speedy one.

Larry and Lorraine Faulkner – Larry and Lorraine are still itinerating to get back to Russia. Larry will be taking a SAM team over to Russia in July. They have presently moved their itineration home base to Alabama (Larry's mother's address). Telephone 205-591-4991.

Scott and Athena O'Conner – Scott and Athena were accepted at the World Missions Board Meeting in May to come under the umbrella of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They have worked for several years now with the Frontiers – a missions agency that specializes in church planting among the Muslim people. They are presently raising support to lead a church planting team to Central Asia. Scott and Athena are members of The Capital Church, Garner. They have one young son, Caleb. They may be reached at 1101 MarKay Circle, Raleigh, NC 27603 or (919) 772-5621.

Fall Dates

FALL MISSIONS F.E.S.T. – This fall, due to remodeling at Falcon, there will be two Fall F.E.S.T.s They will be October 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Robersonville Church and October 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Peniel Church, Roseboro. Both programs will be the same. Several speakers are lined up. Ministers will get C.E.U. units. Lunch will be served. Those invited are ministers (and spouses), local directors (and spouses), local missions task force members (and spouses), and anyone interested in World Missions.

Fall Rallies – The following rallies are planned or in the process of being planned:

Rocky Mount District – October 9, 1995 – Harvest Temple Church – 7:30 p.m.

Greenville District Rally – October 10, 1995

Raleigh District Rally – October 12, 1995

New Stars Available

The N. C. Conference began a special "star" recognition system for our churches based on 1994 World Missions support. During this first year some 75 churches received the maximum number of stars. Praise the Lord!

Recently the World Missions Committee added two other star possibilities. This brings the number of possible stars to seven – the number of Bible completeness.

New Stars may be earned as follows:

#1 Support of New Church Planters or New Church Plants – this may be in the Conference, in USA Evangelism, or on the mission field. This may be a one-time offering or monthly offering.

#2 Any World Missions "Special" Project – this may be for building buildings overseas, sending ministry teams overseas, or any special project of a missionary.

A summary of all the "stars" follows:

N. C. CONFERENCE 7-STAR RECOGNITION SYSTEM

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Star Possibilities

#1 Monthly Missions Offerings

#2 Support a Missionary

#3 Global Outreach "GO" Offering Given

#4 Support People to People (preferably sponsor a child)

#5 Have a Local Missions Director and/or Attend District and Conference Missions Training Events

#6 Support a Church Planting Project (or Planter) in the U.S.A. or Mission Field

#7 Support a "Special" World Missions Project

*Numbers 6 or 7 are new possibilities for 1995

WORLD CONFERENCE
of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church • 1995

There's still time to register for the

Second World Conference

of the

International Pentecostal Holiness Church

and tour

Jerusalem, Israel

September 3–12, 1995

From New York $1,968
(Plus tips $40 and taxes $58)

From Los Angeles $2,298
(Plus tips $40 and taxes $58)

Ground Package $1,268
(Does not include airport transfers)

Jerusalem

World Pentecostal Conference

September 11–15, 1995
$498 (Plus Tips $15)

(Includes additional touring, lodging, fees and registration for the conference.)

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—APRIL 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Kinston First	683	----	293	----	321	239
The Capital	350	----	199	----	140	217
The First	360	----	198	----	----	----
Gospel Tabernacle	373	30	184	40	334	270
Whitley	269	----	167	----	225	182
Greenville First	236	----	165	----	135	89
Tarboro First	214	20	163	32	233	141
Shiloh WD	277	30	157	50	176	98
Mt. Carmel	328	----	151	----	180	122
Harkers Island	127	----	133	----	----	----
Lumberton	326	18	128	16	----	----
St. Pauls	132	----	123	----	132	96
Williamston	155	4	122	9	116	85
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	122	20	172	140
Robersonville	185	----	120	----	171	131
Smyrna	----	----	119	----	----	71
Wilson First	----	----	118	----	----	70
Peniel	259	----	116	----	107	61
Bizzell Grove	160	40	112	31	85	51
Clinton	152	52	110	52	56	57
Brentwood	120	----	106	----	128	131
Wallace	186	20	104	20	67	88
Pikes Crossroads	199	----	103	----	145	62
Harvest Temple	177	65	95	47	109	50
Bethany	151	8	95	23	109	52
Belfast	107	----	94	----	90	94
Eastside	121	25	94	25	----	----
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	84	----	101	25
St. Paul	132	----	83	----	40	36
Selma	100	----	78	----	----	----
Living Faith Fell.	120	----	77	----	86	57
St. John	134	----	75	----	34	34
Midway	141	31	75	25	81	35
Ebenezer	135	----	71	----	123	54
Sharon	99	----	70	----	43	22
Stanntonsburg	179	----	70	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	156	----	70	----	91	41
Mt. Olive	90	----	68	----	----	----
Winterville	87	----	67	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	106	----	66	----	72	34
Benson	143	22	66	43	----	40
Westview	110	----	63	----	82	48
Rehoboth	137	----	63	----	60	32
Roper	118	----	63	----	102	52
Ayden	----	----	62	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	62	----	142	26
Hollands Chapel	65	----	61	----	30	28
Bridgeton	75	----	60	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	59	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	58	----	65	46
Emmanuel	91	----	57	----	50	31
Thompson Chapel	104	----	56	----	59	33
Baywood	----	----	54	----	----	35
Graham Memorial	100	----	54	----	54	27
Hobgood	88	----	53	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	85	----	52	----	44	13
Living Waters	73	----	52	----	89	39
New Vision	56	----	52	----	37	26
Shelmerdine	121	----	52	----	----	66
Ahoskie	104	----	51	----	59	32
Grace Commu;nity	257	----	51	----	150	38
Jones Grove	60	----	49	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	124	----	49	----	----	----
Albritton	74	18	49	21	43	35
Sanford First	94	----	48	----	49	39

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Scotland Neck	72	72	48	77	----	28
Kenly	89	----	48	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	79	----	48	----	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	47	----	55	33
Taylors Chapel	117	----	47	----	----	----
Niagara	138	----	47	----	40	16
St. Matthew	73	----	47	----	----	----
Warsaw	67	----	47	----	40	12
Alert	65	----	47	----	----	----
Goshen	74	----	46	----	36	25
Elizabethtown	61	20	45	20	----	----
Faith WD	57	47	45	36	----	----
Tabernacle	59	----	45	----	59	31
Thomas Chapel	127	----	45	----	66	17
Boardman	287	----	44	----	205	18
Trinity RMD	89	----	44	----	----	----
Westmoreland	111	26	43	19	68	21
Jacksonville	72	----	43	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	42	----	----	----
Friendship WD	89	----	41	----	50	33
Weldon	66	----	39	----	----	----
Garland	60	----	38	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	38	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	37	----	----	----
Wades Point	41	----	37	----	----	----
Bailey	64	----	35	----	----	23
Sims	66	----	35	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	34	----	27	18
Lowland	38	----	33	----	28	27
Oak Ridge	64	----	33	----	28	16
Vaughans Chapel	104	----	33	----	----	----
Vanceboro	43	----	33	----	----	----
Heritage	59	----	31	----	72	35
Clayton	56	----	31	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	31	----	----	----
Shekinah	55	----	31	----	----	----
Washington	44	----	31	----	----	----
Calvary LD	----	----	31	----	----	----
Faith GD	67	----	29	----	41	15
Black Creek	49	----	29	----	----	----
New Covenant	35	----	28	----	22	20
Farmville	37	----	28	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	65	----	27	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	54	----	26	----	14	22
Gospel Net Ministries	----	----	25	----	----	15
New Hope	34	----	25	----	----	----
Plymouth	26	----	25	----	----	21
Alliance	45	----	23	----	48	15
Goose Creek	45	----	23	----	26	11
Christian Chapel	29	----	21	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	21	----	45	17
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	20	----	140	72
Merritts Chapel	60	----	19	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	18	----	16	9
New Life	27	----	14	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	15	----	12	----	----	----
Lighthouse	7	----	10	----	----	----
New Creation	9	----	9	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	8	----	----	----
Total:	13,885	573	8,023	606	6,143	4,228
Average:	117	30	64	32	92	55
Count:	119		126		67	77

July 1995 CE Department Calendar

						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
Junior Week: Falcon Youth Camp						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Primary Week: Falcon Youth Camp						
16	17 SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE BEGINS	18 Area Candy Suppers 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24 Raleigh Area Candy SUpper: Bill's BBQ 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
				Royal Rangers POW-WOW: Camp Tuscarora		
30	31					

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

(28)
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 AUGUST 1995 NUMBER 8

Cafeteria / Training Center

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

MIDNIGHT SINGERS

The scriptural account in Acts 16 is one of my favorites. Verse nine records the Macedonian vision of the Apostle Paul. The vision portrayed a man beckoning for Paul to "come over into Macedonia and help us." This vision so impacted Paul and Company that they immediately made preparation to go to Macedonia. No further convincing was necessary for Paul to ready himself and his crew for the task that lay ahead. No meandering was tolerated. Luke records "we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia."

Prayer meeting was established on the Sabbath by a riverside in Philippi. Apparently the women who came there often were prayerfully hungry for the work of God among them. It may be they are the ones or at least among those who touched the heart of God in prayer Who gave Paul the vision. The Lord opened Lydia's heart to receive and act upon Paul's message. She is described as one "who worshiped God." That is why she was open to receive. She witnessed to her new found relationship with the Lord in water baptism. Her household followed her example. Paul and his companions found a hospitable environment in her home.

Another young woman, possessed by a fortune telling spirit, who was very valuable to those who owned her, accosted Paul and company. The evil spirit within her recognized them as men who were "servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." She followed them for many days crying out this recognition, until Paul, "being grieved," commanded the spirit to come out of her. Her masters were infuriated that Paul had cast the evil spirit out of her because their profiting was over. They had the apostles arrested, beaten and thrown into an inner prison with their feet enshackled.

Verse 25 details the heart of what I want to say to us in the article. "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."

Please notice the two leading subjects of this arrest. Paul, of the Jewish tribe of Benjamin and a zealous member of the sect called Pharisees. Some students believe he was educated at the University of Tarsus and was probably taught by Gamaliel. His relentless persecution of the Christians climaxed on the road to Damascus with his dramatic encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. The result – Paul was born of the Spirit..

According to Acts 15:22 Silas was a leading member of the Church at Jerusalem and Acts 15:32 portrays himself a prophet-preacher. He was chosen to accompany Paul after the departure of Barnabas.

These were men with a rich personal experience with the Lord, a powerful message and who had been commissioned by the Holy Spirit. These men are in dire straits. They have been flogged, cast into a dungeon with their wounds unwashed and untreated. Their witness did not stop. They were heard praying and hymn praising! It was midnight, not only on the clock, but it was midnight in their circumstances. They continued to sing His praises.

They knew that all things work together for good to those who love God; those called according to His purpose. They had learned that suffering does not have to destroy our **joy** in the Lord. That is why they could **sing at Midnight!**

These men had learned that being "in prison" does not "imprison" the spirit of believers. I quote from somewhere, "fellowship with God is the franchise of eternity."

Their song at midnight announced that they were citizens of another land, a land of eternal day where the Lamb of God is the light.

Paul cannot walk the streets of Philippi and preach the message of Jesus Christ as he had done, but he preaches in the midst of his physical bondage that those who hear him and heed may experience spiritual freedom. You see, men and women who sing the song of Jesus at midnight are those whose work cannot be stopped by the midnight experiences of life.

Then came the earthquake! You know the results. All the prisoners are set free. The jailer and his household become believers. But what about the times when the earthquake doesn't come. Listen and in your heart you'll hear Paul singing at Nero's chopping block, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Recently, one of our beloved pastors who is known for his unusual ability to quote scripture was in a most deplorable physical condition. Soon after open heart surgery his lips were moving. The observer bent low to receive the words. Brother B. C. Horrell was quoting scripture at midnight!

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

A NEW HOME

Ground Breaking Baywood PH Church

Baywood Pentecostal Holiness Church recently held ground-breaking ceremonies for its new sanctuary. The new building will be located on a 10-acre tract of land at the corner of Baywood Road and Murphy Road in Eastover. It will include sanctuary, classrooms, and offices. Land for the new building was purchased in 1993. The church was originally organized in 1989 and first met over what is now McKethan Drug Store. It came to be known as Person Street Pentecostal Holiness Church after moving to a building at that site in 1903. The church is temporarily holding meetings at Howard Johnson's on Cedar Creek Road. The new facilities are expected to be ready this fall.

TAYLORS CHAPEL PH CHURCH – NEW SANCTUARY

Construction on Sanctuary

Easter play in uncompleted sanctuary

The Taylors Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church has experienced tremendous growth in attendance and felt the need to build a new sanctuary.

Construction began in October 1994. The men of the church have been working on Saturdays to make this project become a reality. The ladies of the church prepare lunch for the men as they labor on the new sanctuary.

The roof has been finished, and some of the sheet rock has been installed. The windows and doors are in place. The plumbing and electrical work has been completed.

Inside you can see the rafters, wall studs, no carpet, and chairs instead of pews, but God is there.

The Easter Sunrise Service was held in the uncompleted sanctuary. Later that afternoon they performed their Easter program in the new sanctuary. The presence of the Lord was there and His anointing was in the music. The play was a blessing to all.

The Taylors Chapel folk praise God for the new sanctuary and allowing it to be debt free.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

The Capital Pentecostal Holiness Church Family honored its pastors and their wives on Wednesday night, May 31, at a special service designed to thank them for their hard work, dedication, and their compassion in "shepherding the flock."

Reverend and Mrs. Roland Harrell, the senior pastors and his wife; Reverend and Mrs. Roger Barefoot, the associate pastor and his wife; and Reverend and Mrs. Charles Boyd, the youth pastor and his wife, were presented with floral as well as financial tokens of appreciation.

Several members of the church family spoke about the things they appreciated and admired most in each of the pastors.

A time of fellowship and food was celebrated in Afterglow following the service to give each pastor and his wife the opportunity to mingle with the church family and receive "up close and personal" messages of appreciation.

The ministries of the Capital Church have flourished under the direction of the Holy Spirit as He leads the three pastors in accomplishing the will of God "for such a time as this."

IT'S A BOY

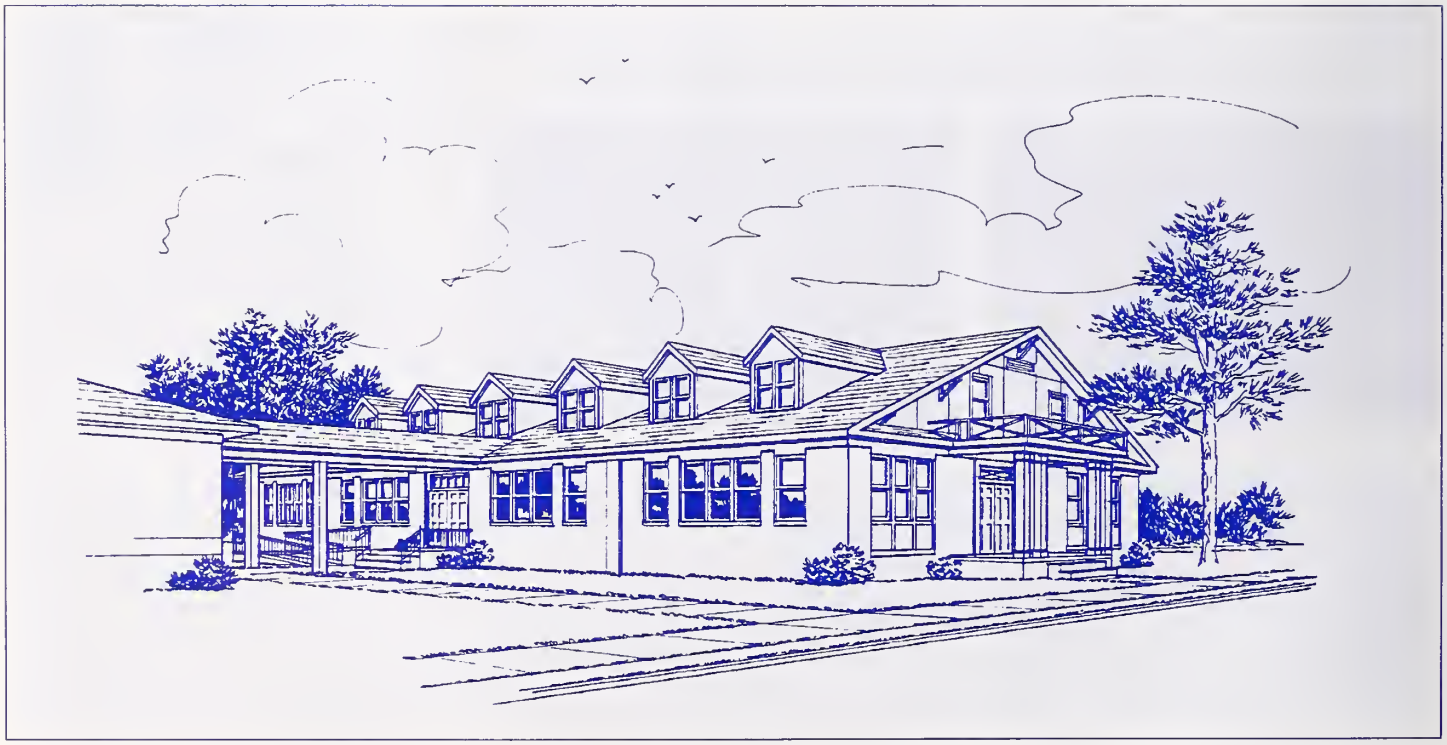
Rev. Thomas Gregory and Donna Justice Long announce the birth of a son, Thomas Justin Long, born June 12, 1995, weighing 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and 20 1/2 inches long. They live in New Bern, North Carolina, where Rev. Long is the pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Justin is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Elwood Long, Superintendent of the N. C. Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Falcon, NC.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Rev. W. H. Tyson	August	4
Rev. L. L. Lassiter	August	6
Rev. Wilbert Batten	August	10
Rev. Joe L. Russell	August	12
Rev. James Norton	August	18
Rev. T. H. Godwin	August	20
Rev. H. P. Woodard	August	22
Rev. Mrs. Lynette Mosley	August	23
Rev. Walter V. Denning	August	26

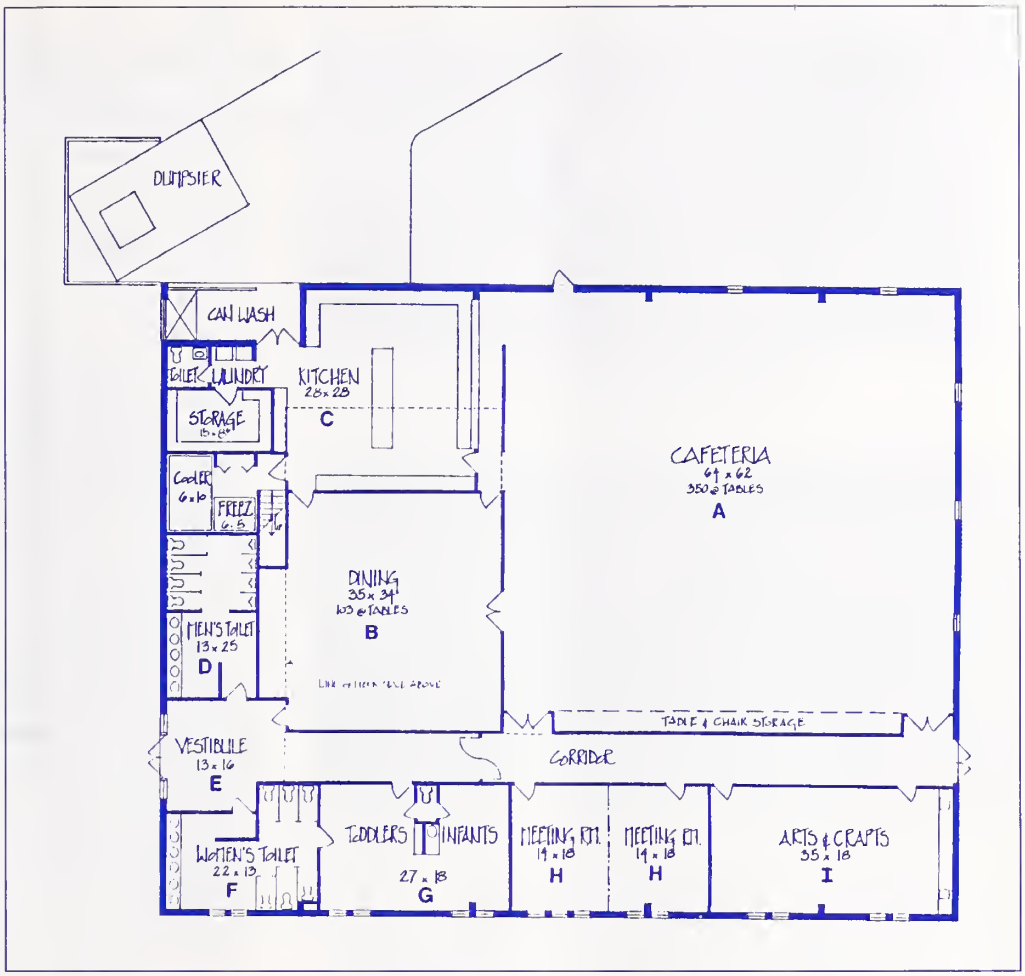
Cafeteria/Training Center



School Building/Dorm

Cafeteria/Training Center

A. Cafeteria
B. Dining
C. Kitchen/Storage
Cooler – Freezer
D. Men's Toilet
E. Vestibule
F. Women's Toilet
G. Toddlers/Infants
H. Meeting Rooms
I. Arts & Crafts



Floor Plan –
10,190 Sq. Feet

Blue Dorm Beige Dorm

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

Summertime, for most of us, usually means a change of pace. We take time to pause from the daily routine in which we are so engrossed during the rest of the year. In the North Carolina Conference, summertime has brought us Conventions, Camp Meeting, Youth Camps, and varied other special activities. But in the midst of it all, I hope you have taken (or will take) a few days away from the busyness of life for rest and retreat. It is wonderful the things you will notice when you draw away from the ordinary.

For instance, I want to share with you an experience I enjoyed this summer. Our family owns a little house on Bay River in Pamlico County. As our schedules permit, we spend some time there every summer. We enjoy boating and water sports – as well as just watching the sunset across the river every evening. Sometimes, when the crabs will bite, we sit out on the pier until late hours at night throwing out our lines baited with chicken necks. When my brother, Jimmie, and his wife, Janice, are there, they usually put out fishing nets. Then the next morning, we have fish to clean...and for lunch, a feast of fresh seafood.

One of the family favorites at Bay River is breakfast. Given our busy lifestyles, we seldom eat more than a bowl of cereal and some fruit for breakfast during our workweek. But at Bay River, it is a big country breakfast – complete with Sop Chocolate & Cheese Biscuits. (For those of you who have never enjoyed the taste of Sop Chocolate, the recipe follows this article.)

At Bay River, we sleep late. The phone seldom rings. We catch up on our reading. We sit in the swing, or better still, stretch out in the hammock. For us, it is basically a place to get away from the routine.

But during a recent stay at Bay River, I noticed that, for some, it is business as usual. In the corner of the ledge around the front porch, Joe and I saw that a bird had begun trying to build a nest. This bird had a foundation of mud started. However, the ledge was too narrow to hold the mud in place, and it kept falling to the floor. But the little bird kept bringing mud. Jimmie decided to help the little bird. He fashioned a bird house from a can and placed it just under the ledge where the bird was so diligently working.

On our next trip, which was several weeks later, we arrived to find pine straw piled up on the floor under the can. Inside the can, a good foundation of mud had been prepared. Now the bird was trying to use the straw to continue formation of the nest. But the straw was too long and kept slipping from the can. We watched as the bird continued to bring the straw – a beak full at a time. Each time a little of the straw stayed in place, while much of it fell to the floor. But the little bird did not give up. Again, Jimmie went to the rescue. He bent the lid of the can up a little to keep the straw from sliding out and made a nice safe perch on which the bird could land.

You see, this bird knows it is no time to give up. If any eggs are to be laid, that nest has to be completed. Without the eggs, no new birds.

As I watched that little bird work so busily and determinately, a spiritual lesson came to me. I thought of us, as Women's Ministries members, and how important it is that we not give up. Sometimes our task may seem impossible. Sometimes it may seem that all we do is in vain and things just won't stay in place. It may seem that the nest we are preparing for our young is impossible to complete. But it is no time to give up. If we are going to leave a heritage to our girls, we must build the nest. If we are going to have a place to nourish young Christians, we must build the nest.

It's true that our task isn't an easy one. Just as this bird had to make many trips in and out to bring in the resources to prepare for this nest, we, too, must reach out and expend effort to find the necessary resources for our task at hand. And – just as my brother, Jimmie, made himself available to assist that bird in building the nest, God will make available to us those who will assist us in doing the work that is to be done.

Ladies, don't give up on the nest! Start with the foundation of the Word of God. Then add a layer of prayer. Then find the resources that will merge together strongly in formulating a safe and inviting place to nourish our young girls and women. After all, they really do need a good nest until they learn to fly.

Now, I can't wait to get back to Bay River! I'm expecting to find the eggs in the nest next time I'm there.

It really is amazing the things you notice – and the lessons God can teach us – even while we are on vacation!

SOP Chocolate Recipe...

Whisk together **1/3 cup cocoa, 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon self-rising flour and a pinch of salt.**

Bring **1/2 cup water and 1/2 cup evaporated milk** to a boil and add dry ingredients.

Add **3 tablespoons butter or margarine** (optional).

Continue cooking over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly.

Remove from burner, and add **1/2 teaspoon vanilla flavoring.**

Serve as a dip to sop with hot cheese biscuits or plain biscuits.
Can also be used as a topping for desserts or ice cream.
Delicious hot or cold.

MWF Annual Meeting...

The Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church Fellowship Hall in Dunn, NC, was the setting of the 1995 Ministers' Wives Fellowship dinner and annual meeting. This year's theme was "ARISE, YE DAUGHTERS OF ZION."

Each person was welcomed by Chairperson, Mrs. Sylvia Long and the Meeting Committee, Mrs. Margie Teachey, Mrs. Karan Barnhill, and Mrs. Karen Sapp. It was immediately evident they had worked very hard to make the meeting special. Lovely daisies and potted flowers beautified the tables. These were later carried home by guests to plant in their gardens.

The dinner table was loaded with food fit for a queen. It looked as if Thanksgiving had arrived early. Turkey, dressing, steak, barbeque pork, carrot cake, cheese cake, and banana pudding were all on the menu.

Laughter rang out as Jean Clark and Lola Dunning played "Getting To Know You." We had never seen Jean at a loss for words before. After several door prizes and more fun, the fifty ladies in attendance all turned their attention to Miss Rose Boyd as she

spoke on the topic, "WHAT KIND OF WOMAN, LORD, DO YOU WANT ME TO BE?"

Rose was very transparent as she told how much she admires the ministers' wives she knows and how wonderful it must be to share the ups and downs of the minister's life with God's called servant. Her presentation included the following suggestions of what God expects ministers' wives to be:

WOMEN OF PURITY – It is necessary when we lay our head down at night to keep forgiveness in our hearts.

WOMEN OF PRAYER – We need to pray for ourselves. We get so busy praying for others that we could become frustrated and burned out. Daily prayer will lift us up.

WOMEN OF POWER – The power that comes from the infilling of the Holy Spirit is necessary for the effective minister's wife. Ephesians 6:10..."Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

WOMEN OF PROCLAMATION – We need to speak out in our cities and in our schools. We need to stand up for right when our children are being influenced for wrong. We need to get our priorities in the right place: relationship with God first, families and children, etc., following. It's never too late to begin.

WOMEN OF PRAISE – The joy of the Lord is our strength. Since we will never please everyone, let us please God by praising Him and others. Praise will bring us peace.

WOMEN OF PERSEVERANCE – To persevere is to HANG IN THERE. It is possible to "grow weary in well doing." After all, ministers' wives are human, but God doesn't change His attitude of love toward us, even if we fail. Persevere as we may, we cannot change everything we wish to. We have to commit some things to God's payday. God is an expert at taking things we cannot handle and putting them together properly.

Rose reminded us that the most rewarding of all occupations is the Ministry. She reminded us further that our greatest dream must be waiting for the Heavenly Bridegroom, our Lord Jesus, to appear. Our reward for efforts given, tears shed, and disappointment experienced will be when we see the souls we have helped to win to Christ through our part in our husband's ministry.

Isaiah 62:11 (NIV) was our challenge. "The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: say to the DAUGHTERS OF ZION, see, your Savior comes. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him." Jesus is coming, and we must be ready for His return by being busy proclaiming His gospel.

This year's MWF Annual Meeting was indeed a time of true fellowship. We all felt the only thing missing was more time for such special times and seasons of sharing.

Rose Boyd, Phyllis Harrell, Karen Sapp, Margie Teachey, Sylvia Long, and Karan Barnhill pose at MWF Annual Meeting.

Ministers' wives enjoy fellowship and delicious meal in beautifully decorated surrounding.

Let me encourage all ministers' wives to plan ahead for 1996. Also, try to attend the district meetings. This offers you a unique opportunity to meet with smaller groups on a more personal level.

Being a minister's wife is a very rewarding life affording us so many opportunities for ministry. We can learn much from each other by sharing our experiences when we are together.

Phyllis Harrell, MWF Representative
NCWM Board Member

FOI Scholarship Awarded

Miss Toni Joy McGraw, a member of the Ahoskie PAR GEMS, was awarded the North Carolina Conference Feast of Ingathering Scholarship in the amount of $250.00, at the 1995 NCWM Convention.

Toni is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Earl and Berniece McGraw. She became a Christian at an early age and attends the Ahoskie Pentecostal Holiness Church where she participates in church music, skits, puppets, and drama. She plays drums and clarinet for church services. She is interested in studying journalism and wishes to minor in voice and music in college. She plans to attend Emmanuel after graduation from Hertford County High School.

Toni's high school chorus director wrote on her behalf, "Toni's love for the Lord and music are an unbeatable combination." Her pastor wrote, "Toni is a very dedicated Christian who is very talented." Toni wrote, "The GEMS program has always emphasized GEMS as 'A Team' – working together and reaching for the finish line."

The NCWM Board offered this scholarship, which is given by Emmanuel College, to any GEMS member who plans to attend Emmanuel College. The criteria for application was developed by the North Carolina GEMS Board as follows: Must be an active member of GEMS; Must write letter of application for scholarship; Must submit letters of recommendation from pastor and an educator in their school; Must submit essay on "What GEMS Has Meant To Me."

We congratulate Toni on winning this scholarship.

NCWM Wins Helping Hand Subscription Drive...

YOU DID IT! With 100 new subscriptions to THE HELPING HAND, the North Carolina Conference Women won the subscription drive which was sponsored by General Women's Ministries.

Pictured below is Linda Thomas being presented the set of luggage which was the incentive for Conference Presidents in promoting this project. Rev. Ron Moore, husband of General WM President Doris Moore, delivered the luggage to Linda at the 1995 Church Conference in Falcon in June.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1994 Roy W. Wood Award For Conference

On Sunday night, June 18, at the Annual Camp Meeting World Evangelism Service, Director Chris Thompson was presented the World Missions Roy W. Wood Award by the Executive Director of World Missions, Dr. Jesse Simmons. The award is given annually to an individual with "outstanding leadership and promotion of world evangelization; for personal commitment; and sacrificial giving to missions." It is in honor of the late Roy W. Wood of Virginia who gave his all to world missions.

In receiving the award Director Thompson stated that the award was really to the N. C. Conference. Nineteen hundred ninety-four was a fantastic year for the Conference in World Missions. The total Missions and USA Evangelism giving increased a miraculous 28% to a grand total of $778,794.27. The "GO" Offering increased by 12% and the Per Capita giving went up 24%. The Conference was the #1 Conference in giving. Some 20 of the Conference churches were in the denomination's 100, and three made the top five, one of which was the number one church in giving to the denomination. IT WAS A FANTASTIC YEAR! TO THE LORD BE THE GLORY!

New (Conference Owned) Flags

Recently the Conference had an opportunity to purchase 50 flags representing 50 countries where there is Pentecostal Holiness Missions. These flags are stored at the Conference Office. Poles and stands are also available. These flags may be borrowed for special missions services. The flags are light polyester, screen printed and are for indoor use only. The goal is to ultimately own a flag for each of the 73 countries where we have a world missions presence.

Churches may order their own flags by contacting Crew Flag, Inc., 7306 East Furnace Branch Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 or call (410) 766-6106. The flags are about $9.95 each. Ask for Rick and Georgia Wyatt.

1995 "GO" Offering Report
June 29, 1995

The total amount received is $138,543.24. Another $9,683.00 has been pledged. This brings the grand total to $148,226.24. In addition there are 11 churches who gave last year that we have not yet heard from, and another 10 churches that did not give last year and have not yet given this year.

Superintendent Long and I are still praying for at least $150,000.00 and **for total participation** from all churches. In order to be counted for 1995, "GO" Offerings must be in Falcon by November or in Oklahoma City by December.

It was a great year. Due to the faithfulness and sacrificial giving of our people, the goal of $140,000.00 was reached. Presently the Benson Church, Pastor L. B. Collins, had the largest offering ($12,600.00), and the Vanceboro Church, Pastor Aubrey Spear, had the highest percentage increase (2,197% – from $50.00 in 1994 to $1,148.54 in 1995). The Lumberton Church, Pastor H. Ray Ward, increased from $1,050.00 in 1994 to $8,500.00 in 1995 (710% increase). Other fantastic increases were:

Wallace, Pastor Tommy McLaurin from $103.00 to $940.00 (813%)

Maranatha, Pastor Marty Warren from $25.00 to $250.00 (900%)

Westview, Pastor Samuel Weaver from $209.83 to $3,000.00 (1,330%)

Of present funds actually received, some 86 churches increased their giving. Another 10 maintained their 1994 giving.

Words of commendation are in order to the pastors, local missions directors, and district directors for their hard work and diligence in accomplishing this major milestone. God is at work in our midst.

Of funds received, six districts have already reached their goals. Eight of the districts have had increases over 1994. The Lumberton District, District Director Tim Creel, has had a phenomenal increase. They have gone from $7,082.88 in 1994 to $15,667.19 in 1995. That is a 121% increase in one year. Congratulations, Brother Creel and the churches of the Lumberton District.

Should the Lord tarry, what does 1996 hold??

Russia Trip

Our own International Evangelist, Rev. Deborah Williams, is making a trip to Russia in July to minister with a SAM team. SOW Worker Larry Faulkner will also be on the trip. This will be Sister Williams' second trip to Russia and third trip overseas since being approved as an International Evangelist.

Falcon Missions Apartment

The Falcon Missions Apartment needs a new roof. The estimated cost is $9,000.00. The estimate includes shingles, plywood, installation, etc. To-date some $700.00 has been raised that can be used for the project.

Missionary Updates

Mike and Christy Via have returned from Togo. They are presently in transition and have been reassigned to Haiti. Supporting churches should continue their support. Mike and Christy will make a short trip to Haiti in July. They will be in the States raising funds in August. In September they will move to Haiti.

Elizabeth Rogers will be home on furlough July 16. She will be available for services in September (she already has commitments in August). **I will be arranging her schedule until she moves into the Falcon Missions Apartment** in August (910) 980-1419. She will be home until the first of the year.

Larry and Lorraine Faulkner are presently living in Alabama and continuing their itineration. They may be reached at 1317 MaCoy St., Birmingham, AL 35210 / telephone (205) 951-2930.

New Church Starts

The N. C. Conference has been blessed in 1995 with four new churches: Pine Level, Hubert First, Independence, and The Capital Hispanic. Two of these are officially organized – Pine Level and Independence. These four churches together have a weekly average attendance of approximately 200. Pastor Chris Rooks is the pastor of the Pine Level Church. He is doing a superb job. Rev. Bobby West is working with the Hubert First group and is off to a good start. He is using the former Hood Memorial Building. Rev. Randy Medlin has recently been assigned to the Independence Church (located near Bailey). He and the church have a great future ahead in ministry. Pastor Luis Manriquez is working with the new Hispanic Church at The Capital. They are meeting on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For the first four Sundays they have averaged 16.

Praise the Lord for these new works. May the Lord richly bless them and add to their numbers.

Coming In September

I. The Evangelism Board has been working to revamp and revitalize the Church Planter's Fellowship. This fellowship was started several years ago to enlist prayer and financial supporters for new churches. In September plans will be released as to how this fellowship will be expanded to recruit more churches and individuals in the birthing of new churches. A major emphasis this next year will be the birthing of new Hispanic congregations! We have two presently within the Conference.

Churches who participate in the New Church Planter's Fellowship will automatically receive a new star in the 7-Star Church Recognition System.

II. The Evangelism Department is looking for a few pastors and possibly some of their laymen to join a New Church Revitalization Forum that will begin in September. The Church Revitalization Forum will meet once a month on a Thursday night. Those who join will commit to being a part for at least one year. There will be eight meetings over the period of one year.

Each meeting will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. An exception will be when the group meets earlier for supper. Each meeting will include devotion, presentations, discussion groups, open forums, and special prayer time.

The purpose of the meetings will be to enhance the ministry of established churches and to build the kingdom of God. These meetings will be intensive training and are not for the casual observer. They will be for those pastors and laymen (leadership) who desire to do something in God's Kingdom and make a difference in the community by winning the lost.

Director Thompson will be leading the forums. Special pastors will be brought in for special presentations.

For those pastors who attend, two hours of Continuing Education will be given for each meeting.

Some of the topics to be covered eventually include the following: vision, worship, assimilation, outreach, missions, leadership, programs, nursery, youth and children, finances, visibility, accessibility, church planting, discipling, mobilizing, unifying, leading a cell group, working cell group leaders, starting and multiplying cell groups, focusing, planning, listening, praying, evangelizing, etc. This is not an exhaustive list nor is it a list of priority, etc. Topics and order will be determined by each individual forum.

Those pastors who have an interest in being a part of such a Church Revitalization Forum should contact Director Thompson directly. The number of forums and meeting locations will be determined by those who participate. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last of September.

BI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

DISTRICTS	HOST CHURCH	PASTOR	DAY / DATE
Morehead City/ New Bern	Glad Tidings	Maurice Phelps	Monday Aug. 28
Rocky Mount/ Williamston	Robersonville	Noah Barefoot, Jr.	Tuesday Aug. 29
Lumberton/ Wilmington	Lumberton First	H. Ray Ward	Friday Sept. 1
Greenville/ Goldsboro	Kinston First	Bobby Williams	Monday Sept. 18
Clinton/ Fayetteville	Culbreth Memorial	Danny Nelson	Tuesday Sept. 19
Raleigh/ Wilson	Wilson First	Paul L. Loftin	Thursday Sept. 21

People to People Ministries changing lives through...

People to People cares for more than 2,000 children in Christian schools and orphanages in 16 countries around the world. Our goal is to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ by meeting the physical needs of the deprived and neglected overseas.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE · THE LIFT WHEN NEEDED · PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

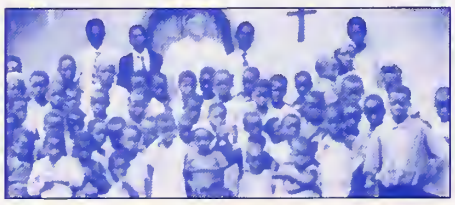
1 Child Sponsorship. Just $18.00 per month pays for a child to receive one hot meal each day, a Christian education, and limited medical attention where possible (this varies from country to country). A picture and short biography of the child is sent to each sponsor. The child is also told about his/her sponsor. Correspondence between the sponsor and child is encouraged. Many sponsored children play a vital role in the work of God in their own country when they are grown.

2 Disaster Relief. This fund has been established for emergency use in flood relief, hunger emergency, earthquake assistance, health crisis, or other disasters when time is of the utmost importance. Our goal is to keep enough funds in Disaster Relief so we can respond immediately to requests for help. Through this program, many lives have been restored after such tragedies as hurricanes, famine and war.

3 Special Projects. People to People often responds to special requests for help through funds designated for special projects. Just recently we have worked with Men's Ministries to build restroom facilities in Colombia, purchased playground equipment for the Sonshine Daycare Center in Malawi, and replaced the roof for the Venezuelan Superintendent's family.

4 Feed the Hungry. In addition to the number of children being helped through Child Sponsorship, People to People is feeding hungry children each day in Christian schools and orphanages all over the world.

Funds received from **People to People** banks are used by this ministry to feed all its children...and those waiting to be sponsored. *People to People bank* funds are also used in various other projects. Your small change can change lives in great ways. (The banks are available upon request.)



Yes, I want to change lives!

- ❑ I want to sponsor a child through the **sponsorship program** with:
  - ❑ $18.00/month
  - ❑ $216.00/year
- ❑ I want to help **feed the hungry** with:
  - ❑ monthly gift of: $_____
  - ❑ one-time gift of: $ _____
- ❑ I want to help victims of disaster with:
  - ❑ monthly gift of: $_____
  - ❑ one-time gift of: $ _____
- ❑ I want to help underwrite People to People Ministries with:
  - ❑ monthly gift of: $_____
  - ❑ one-time gift of: $ _____
- ❑ Please send me _____ People to People Banks.

Name_____

Address _____

City_____

State/Zip _____

Church _____

Conference _____

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—MAY 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Glad Tidings	488	----	461	----	180	212
Kinston First	672	----	274	----	321	231
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	208	----	100	97
The First	360	----	200	----	----	----
Gospel Tabernacle	441	30	194	38	343	329
The Capital	350	----	185	----	140	202
Tarboro First	214	20	167	28	233	142
Greenville First	236	----	160	----	135	89
Stedman	268	----	157	----	265	165
Shiloh WD	277	48	154	48	176	91
Mt. Carmel	328	----	126	----	150	111
Harkers Island	127	----	124	----	----	----
Culbreth Memorial	216	25	123	18	172	144
St. Pauls	132	----	122	----	132	92
Robersonville	185	----	115	----	171	112
Lumberton	326	18	114	14	160	87
Williamston	155	4	113	9	116	72
Wallace	186	20	109	14	67	84
Bizzell Grove	160	40	107	32	85	60
Peniel	259	----	105	----	107	52
Wilson First	----	----	104	----	----	85
Millennium	175	37	104	37	90	47
Smyrna	----	----	101	----	----	69
Clinton	162	52	99	52	57	75
Evangel	419	12	96	15	234	99
Brentwood	120	----	95	----	128	122
Harvest Temple	177	65	90	47	104	66
Belfast	107	----	89	----	90	85
Pikes Crossroads	199	----	87	----	145	63
Bethany	151	8	84	23	109	47
Hope Mills	150	30	84	29	80	41
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	78	----	101	25
Eastside	121	95	78	22	----	----
St. John	134	----	75	----	34	49
St. Paul	132	----	72	----	40	40
Roper	114	----	71	----	102	55
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	70	----	95	55
Brocks Chapel	156	----	68	----	91	32
Stantonsburg	179	----	67	----	----	----
Midway	141	31	65	27	81	40
Sanford First	94	----	64	----	49	46
Benson	143	22	63	43	----	41
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	62	----	140	77
Selma	103	----	62	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	106	----	61	----	72	47
Mt. Olive	90	----	61	----	----	----
Emmanuel	90	----	60	----	50	34
Albritton	74	18	59	19	43	36
Winterville	87	----	59	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	58	----	65	35
Sharon	99	----	57	----	43	15
Thompson Chapel	104	----	57	----	59	32
Hollands Chapel	65	----	57	----	30	21
Graham Memorial	100	----	55	----	54	30
Bridgeton	75	----	55	----	----	
Hobgood	88	----	53	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	52	----	142	23
Shelmerdine	120	----	51	----	----	70
Shiloh FD	85	----	51	----	----	----
Grace Community	201	----	50	----	166	33
Westview	110	----	50	----	82	43
Manleys Grove	124	----	49	----	----	----
Jacksonville	72	----	49	----	30	23
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	49	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	49	----	59	29
Tyndall Grove	85	----	48	----	44	18
Thunderswamp	102	----	47	----	----	----
Baywood	----	----	47	----	----	21

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Taylors Chapel	117	----	47	----	----	----
Elizabethtown	70	10	46	7	----	----
New Vision	57	----	46	----	37	27
Trinity CD	130	----	46	----	55	34
Spring Hope	59	----	46	----	54	47
Goshen	74	----	45	----	36	33
Warsaw	67	----	45	----	40	15
Hodges Chapel	79	----	45	----	----	----
Maranatha	58	----	43	----	20	44
Tabernacle	59	----	43	----	59	38
Jones Grove	60	----	43	----	----	----
Living Waters	73	----	42	----	89	36
Trinity RMD	89	----	41	----	----	----
Boardman	287	----	41	----	205	19
St. Matthew	73	----	40	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	40	----	----	----
Friendship WD	86	----	39	----	50	31
Faith WD	57	207	39	207	----	----
Kenly	89	----	38	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	38	----	----	----
Garland	60	----	38	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	37	----	----	----
Westmoreland	111	26	37	18	68	27
Scotland Neck	70	72	36	102	----	31
Lyon Memorial	85	----	35	----	----	----
New Covenant	35	----	34	----	24	28
Wades Point	41	----	34	----	----	----
Alert	64	----	33	----	28	17
Oak Ridge	64	----	33	----	28	14
Faith GD	67	----	32	----	41	17
Snow Hill	----	----	32	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	32	----	----	39
Sims	64	----	31	----	----	----
New Hope	34	----	31	----	----	----
Heritage	59	----	30	----	72	38
Friendship NBD	52	----	30	----	27	20
Vanceboro	46	----	30	----	----	----
Calvary LD	----	----	29	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	104	----	29	----	----	----
Bailey	64	----	29	----	----	19
Lowland	38	----	28	----	32	15
Gospel Net Ministries	----	----	26	----	----	14
Farmville	37	----	26	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	41	----	26	----	----	----
Shekinah	55	----	25	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	65	----	25	----	----	----
Clayton	52	----	25	----	----	----
Black Creek	51	----	23	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	22	----	45	18
Alliance	44	----	21	----	47	11
Plymouth	26	----	20	----	----	20
New Life	27	----	20	----	----	----
Christian Chapel	31	----	19	----	----	----
Goose Creek	45	----	18	----	26	10
Calvary Temple	52	----	18	----	14	15
Middlesex	21	----	16	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	14	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	13	----	16	6
Vicks Chapel	15	----	12	----	----	----
Lighthouse	7	----	10	----	----	----
New Creation	9	----	9	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	
Windsor	13	----	8	----	----	----
Total:	15,202	890	8,468	849	6,875	4,824
Average:	123	40	65	39	94	58
Count:	124		131		73	83

Fresh Start

DIVORCE

RECOVERY SEMINAR

Sept. 22-23, 1995
The Capital Church
Hwy. 70 West
Garner, NC
(919)772-5919

Cost: $35 Per Person

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

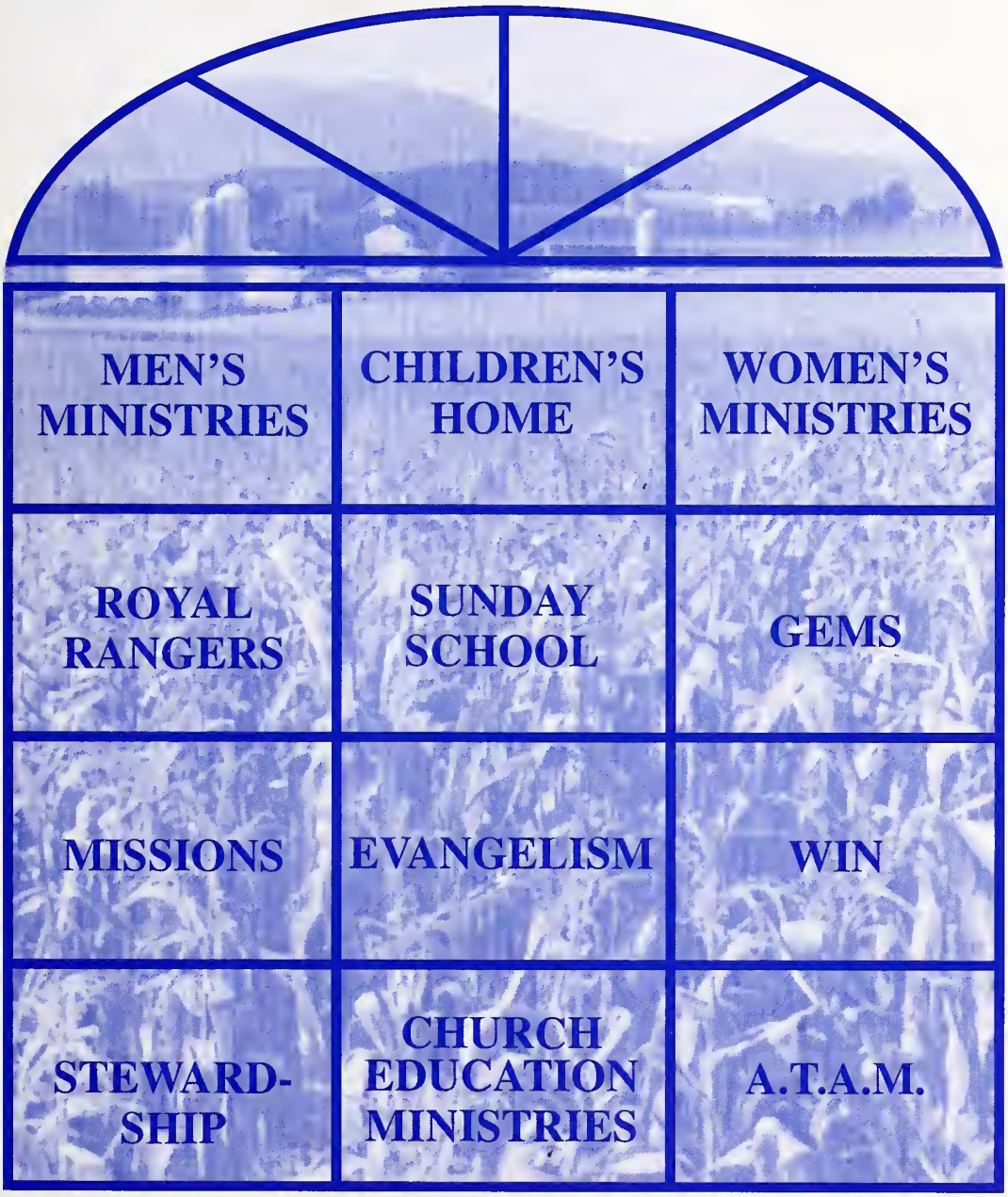
C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 SEPTEMBER 1995 NUMBER 9

LOOK OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW - JUST BEYOND THE HOUSE OF PLENTY LIES A FIELD OF GOLDEN GRAIN



MY HOUSE IS FULL...BUT MY FIELDS ARE EMPTY. WHO WILL GO AND WORK FOR ME TODAY?

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

LABORERS

I praise the Lord for sending laborers into His Harvest. The North Carolina Conference is blessed to receive several newly credentialed people at the summer's conference session.

Alvin Ravone Bass, Jr.

A native of Wilson, NC. Alvin is the husband of Robin Ragland Bass and father of Ashton Scott Bass (approximately 20 months). Alvin served on the pastoral staff of Wilson First after graduating from Holmes College of the Bible. Brother Bass is now serving as pastor of the Smithfield Church.

Nancy Rebecca Bullock

Nancy, a member of the Williamston First Church, graduated from East Coast Bible College this spring. She has served short-term in missionary service in Guatemala.

Jason Cole Cockrell

Jason has completed his studies for Year One of the Conference Ministerial Studies course. Jason, who is married to Susan Narron Cockrell, is the father of Jeffrey Scott (7) and Amanda Carol (1).

He is employed at Abbott Laboratories in Rocky Mount and lives in Battleboro. He and his family are active in Living Faith Fellowship Pentecostal Holiness Church in Rocky Mount.

Robby Glenn Gurley

Robby, a member of Kinston First, is a 1995 graduate of Emmanuel College (cum laude).

He has served Glad Tidings in Morehead City as Assistant Pastor, intern and as summer Youth Pastor at Evangelistic Temple in Cary. While finishing his last year at Emmanuel College, he served as Assistant Youth Pastor at the Franklin Springs PHC.

Licensed ministers receiving credentials.

Michael Kent Harrell

Michael, of the Thunder Swamp Church, lives in Mount Olive. He is married to the former Patricia Herring. They are the parents of Aaron Michael (10) and Adam Brock (6). Brother Harrell is employed with North Carolina Department of Transportation. He has served as a Mission Worker in this conference.

David Ray Oliver

David is from the Roper Church. He has been serving as a Mission Worker. He is married to the former Betty Sue Hardison. They have one child, Kristin Anne who is five years old.

Timothy Jack Strickland

Tim is now serving the Clayton pastorate. He is from the Selma Church and is employed with Smithfield Manor Nursing Home. He attended Mount Olive college. He graduated from Appalachian State University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with concentration in Religion. He has been serving as a Mission Worker.

Stanton Dale Trotter

Stanton in currently in college at Methodist College in Fayetteville. He resides in Fayetteville. He and Lauri Ann, his wife, are active in the Stedman Church. Stan served in the United States Army. His goal is to become a military chaplain.

* * * * * * * * * * * *

Please keep these new ministers in your prayers. Those who completed the ordination requirement and were duly credentialed are as follows:

Roger Banks — Pastor of Calvary, Tarheel, NC

Lucious "Chap" Chappell-Associate Minister, Robersonville

Kelly Clarke — Youth Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn

Ryan Jackson — Enrolling in Gordon-Conwell Seminary. He is from St. Pauls

Daniel Moss — Youth Pastor at Wallace First

Ed Woolard — Pastor of New Hope Church at Blounts Creek

Mike Burroughs — Associate Pastor in Greenville, SC at Redemption Outreach (PH) former associate at Clinton First.

TEL

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long.....**Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas .....**Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand .....**Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson .....**Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson .....**World Missions**
Phillip Mooring .....**Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published Monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....**Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson.....**Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland .....**Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell.....**Board Member**
Elton Bryan .....**Board Member**
Danny Nelson .....**Board Member**
David Wheeler .....**Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Wallace Celebrates Note-Burning Service

Rev. Tommy McLaurin

On Sunday morning, June 11, 1995, the Wallace PH Church celebrated being debt free as Rev. D. Chris Thompson, Asst. Conference Superintendent led the church in a note-burning service to commemorate paying off the bond program initiated in 1983 for the construction of the church fellowship annex. Originally, the bond program was scheduled to be paid off in August of 1997, but during the spring of this year Pastor Tommy McLaurin and the church board approached the congregation with a plan to pay off the bond program early. In a matter of about 6 weeks, the necessary funds were raised, primarily through simple giving from the church family, and in May the outstanding bonds were all called in.

This is just one of many blessings that the Wallace congregation has enjoyed this year. In February a real spirit of revival began breaking out, primarily in the youth of the church. God began to move and people started getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. During this time, Rev. Paul Jackson came for a revival that extended into a second week. Many experiences were counted around the altar. Attendance soared nightly. Many came from surrounding churches, hearing of the revival. But even when the evangelist moved on, the revival continued and still continues. During the first six months of this year, there have been more than thirty-five saved, twenty sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Needless to say, there is a great sense of excitement over the growth of the church, both spiritually, numerically, and financially. To God be the glory!

Soaring With Singles

The Fall Singles' Retreat, sponsored by the Women's Ministries and Men's Fellowship of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is going to be an exciting weekend for all singles and single again.

This retreat will be packed with singing, devotions, and fun activities. Registration will be from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Friday evening, September 29. If you will be arriving after 6:00 p.m., please note such on your application. Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Some of the activities available for Saturday are: fishing (bring your own pole and bait), canoes, paddle boats, softball, soccer, basketball, volley ball, go-cart tract and a nice gym. Our week-end will conclude at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning following a time in God's Word.

The retreat will be open to adult single men and women 18 and older. The retreat will be held at Camp Dixie, which is located about 20 miles south of Fayetteville, on Hwy. 87.

The cost is $45.00 per person and includes: two (2) nights lodging and five (5) meals prepared by Camp Dixie staff. A $25.00 deposit is required no later than September 1, 1995. This is non-refundable. The balance is due upon arrival.

You will need to bring: sheets, pillows, towels, washcloths, spread or blanket and toiletry items. The dorm rooms are equipped with heating and air conditioning. A shower and bath is accessible for each room. Most of the beds are single, so come prepared.

Please complete the attached application and return by September 1, 1995. Your participation is necessary in order for this retreat to be successful. We hope to hear from you soon. If you have other questions, please call me (Edna Williams) at 919-734-0080 at night or any committee member.

Trisha Coley 919-658-4066 Margaret Johnson 919-658-0714
Hazel Albert 919-735-7455 Jean Bishop 919-735-4309.

Retreat Application

Please return this application to Edna Williams, 3 Walters Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534, by September 1, 1995, with a $25.00 Non-Refundable deposit.

Name _____

Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Church Name _____

Age Range: ❑ 18-30 ❑ 30-40 ❑ 40-50 ❑ 50-60 ❑ 60+

❑ I am enclosing a check for **FULL** registration fee of $45.

❑ I am enclosing a **DEPOSIT** for $25 with balance upon arrival.

Make check payable to **NCPH SINGLES.**

I will be arriving before 6 p.m. _____ after 6 p.m. _____

CAMPGROUND IS NOT LIABLE FOR ACCIDENTS

Signature _____

Date _____

1995 Men's Eastern Regional Conference

"A Gathering Of Eagles" September 29 & 30

Western North Carolina Conference Campgrounds

(10 miles north of Greensboro, NC on Hwy. 29)

Topic Highlights:
- "Chapter Explosion, How To Experience It"
- "The Pastor, Prayer & Me"
- "Promise Keepers, Everything You Wanted To Know"
- "Drugs In My Community"
- "My Health, According To My Lord"
- "The Fish Are Really Biting"

For information: Call (910) 323-4777, FAX (910) 323-8700 or
write: Men's Ministries, PO Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

Chrystal and Chris

Wedding Invitation

Pastor Chris Rooks, of the Pine Level Pentecostal Holiness Church, would like to invite you to share in the celebration on his upcoming marriage. A 4:00 p.m. wedding is planned for October 28, 1995, at the church, located at 112 East Blanch Street, Pine Level, NC. He and his bride-to-be, Chrystal Turner of Deep Run, NC will be residing at 101 Kingston Drive, Pine Level.

If you are unable to be with them on this day, they ask you to remember them in thought and prayers as they share their lives together.

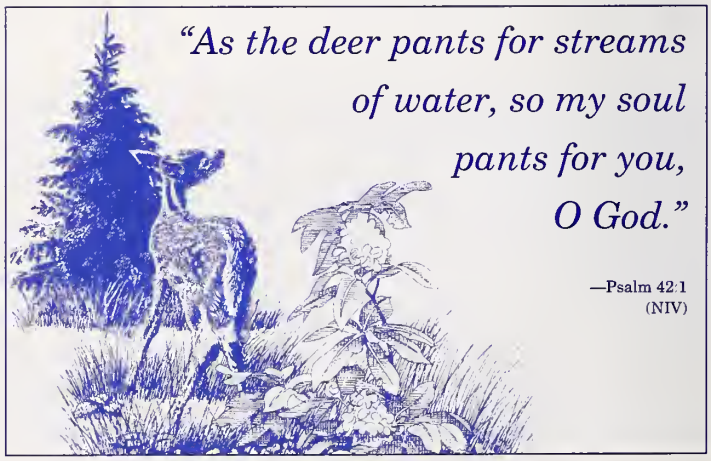
Miss Brooks Satterfield Receives Soccer Scholarship

Reverend W. B. Satterfield, pastor of Albritton PH Church is proud to announce that his granddaughter Miss Brooke Satterfield has received a soccer scholarship to attend Appalachian State University.

Brooke has been active in soccer since the age of five, playing on recreational, select, classic, Junior Olympic and club teams, where she earned all of her recognition. She plans to conclude her club level career and begin her college career at Appalachian State University this fall.

Superannuated Birthdays For September

Willie M. Cordon	1	Johnie Pollard	13
Garland Murray	5	Ralph Jernigan	15
Vernon K. Clark	6	Hartwell Stewart	21
Roy Williams	11	Lester Ormond	23
N. Doner Lucas	13	Melvin Narron	26



Women's Ministries

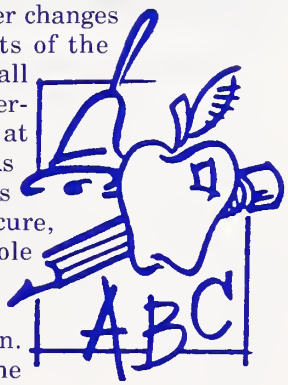
Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

"School Days! School Days! Dear Old Golden Rule Days! Readin' and Writin' and Rithmetic, Taught to the tune of the hickory stick." This is a tune I remember singing as a child during my own school days. Every fall when it is time for the children to return to school, that refrain again comes to mind.

I was a member of the graduating class of 1960. Joe and I enjoyed hosting my 35th year class reunion at our home in July. You can be sure there was much reminiscing about the "good old days" during that gathering. Besides the weight gains, the gray hair, the bald heads, and other physical changes we have personally experienced, there have been many other changes over the years. We are products of the small community school where all the teachers knew our families personally. We were being educated at a time in history when society was much different from the way it is today. We felt very safe and secure, and our teachers were ideal role models for us to emulate.



Schools today are bearing the burden of society's degradation. Schools are expected to bear the weight of all society's problems. All the problems children bring to the schools are expected to be solved in the place which was originally designed for academic training. Schools are expected to meet every need — from nurturing the child who is abused by drug-addicted parents at home to being sure they have at least one good, hot meal each day. This is not to mention the many disciplinary problems children experience daily.

This is why, as Christians, we should feel a strong commitment to pray for those who have dedicated their lives to the teaching and training of our children. It is no easy task today to be educators. There are many demands and expectations placed on them which people who have not worked in the schools can never imagine.

It is easy to stand back and be critical. It is easy to say how it ought to be. It is easy to think that things could be like they were when I was in school. But the simple fact is, they aren't! Many children today are coming to school from homes and situations far remote from what we who are blessed with Christian homes can even imagine.

How we need to encourage and support those Christian educators who are ministering to our children in the classrooms! How we need to become involved in our children's educational process! YOU have an opportunity for service in the schools — whether as a school volunteer or as a prayer warrior.

GET INVOLVED!!! We are our brother's keeper. We owe it to the children — for God has placed them in our keeping. We owe it to our educators — for they are bridging the gap. Let's be sure that we are a part of the solution. Let's do all we can to help make the memories of our children's school days as precious as our own memories are!

A Teacher's Prayer...

It is the first day of another new school year! The school buses are arriving! Students are anxiously waiting to meet their new teachers. The teachers are hurriedly double checking to be sure everything is ready for their new students. I wait patiently in room 306 at Bridgeton Elementary School trying to control the butterflies in my stomach. The anticipation of new challenges, new students and new programs excite me! As I begin to view the awesome responsibility of molding and shaping lives that have been placed in my care, I begin to whisper a prayer ...

Dear Lord,

I want to thank You for calling me into a ministry of teaching. About twenty-eight years ago in the prayer room of the girl's dorm at Emmanuel College, I accepted that call. From that day until now, there has been no doubt that I am in Your will and in the place where I should be. I know that I do not know what this year holds, but I know that "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

I ask for Your wisdom and knowledge to handle the problems that may arise. Please give me a double portion of patience as I work with my students to help them learn all they can and to be able to apply the skills they are taught. Give them a mind to understand and a willingness to learn.

I ask You to anoint my words, my actions, and my deeds. May You be seen in all I do. Keep my attitude positive and wipe away all negative thoughts. Help me to see all my students through Your eyes. That way I can see what they can be and love them to that place. I want to be "moved with compassion" to the needs of my students. Just as You took time out of Your busy schedule to minister to the children and to care for them, help me never to be too busy to listen to my students and to give them a hug when needed.

Oh, Lord, help me to live a life that will be a model of God's Word. May I live out Your principles and Your values as I deal with matters in the classroom.

Give me the ideas and the skills to be the best teacher I can be so I can make a difference in the lives I touch. I need Your strength to make this the best school year ever for my students. My prayer is that, when my students leave my class, they can say, "Mrs. Bowers, I love you! You are the best teacher I've ever had!"

RING!!!! RING!!!!

Well, Lord, Here they come! Believe me, I'll be keeping in touch with You. I can't do it without You, Lord, because You and I are a team!

(This Article was written by Joy Bowers. Joy is a third grade teacher and is also the WM President at Holly Hill PH Church in Vanceboro.)

Hold It!!! You Forgot Something!

It is 6:00 a.m. The alarm is ringing. Mom fumbles out of bed and scampers down the hall to wake the precious gift from Heaven who is resting so peacefully. It's a rush to get his face washed, teeth brushed and that freshly ironed shirt all buttoned up. Nerves are on edge until the lost shoe has been found and the broken shoelace replaced. There's just enough time to rush to the breakfast table for a bowl of cereal and a glass of juice. Mom waits at the door with jacket and lunch box in hand as the last bite is swallowed. She catches a kiss as he rushes out the door just in time to meet the bus.

Hold it! You forgot something! Mom, you failed to pray. You failed to plead the blood of Jesus over that innocent one God has placed in your care. Today he will face peer pressure, demonic oppression and temptation; yet he left home defenseless and unprotected. It is happening in home after home, day after day. We are allowing Satan to steal our prayer time — and therefore, our children.

School buses are rolling again, and it's time for us to pray harder than ever for our children. As they leave home each day, we must ask God to protect them and help them see clearly the difference between right and wrong — and to give them wisdom to make decisions acceptable in the sight of our Lord. Pray they will have a hatred for sin and a love for holiness of life. Intercede for their fellow students, teachers and staff members and claim their salvation in the name of Jesus.

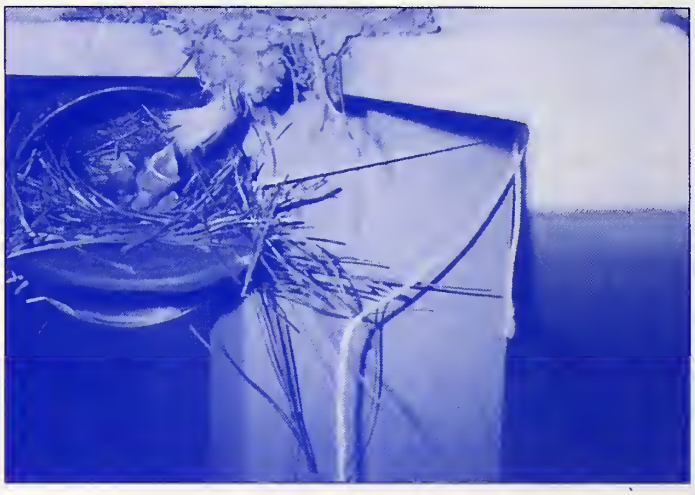
If you are searching for a prayer guide, refer to page 43 of the *1995 LINK*. Or, become a part of a MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL group. This organization is a group of ladies who are willing to meet once a week to pray for one hour for their children, their schools, their teachers, and administrators. For further information, write: Moms In Touch International, P.O. Box 1120, Poway, California 92074-1120.

Ladies of NCWM, you are challenged to stand in the gap for our children. James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a "A" righteous man availeth much." YOUR PRAYER CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Director of Intercession

GEMS LTC...

GEMS Leadership Training Council is scheduled for October 27 & 28 in Falcon. This is a Friday evening and Saturday morning event which is packed full of training and fellowship for prospective GEMS Sponsors and Coordinators. Church leaders and WM leaders are encouraged to provide this training for those who are willing to give of themselves to the ministry of GEMS. If you do not already have a GEMS program in your church, you are encouraged to initiate it. Registration forms or further information is available by calling Conference GEMS Director, Sandra McCandless at 919-244-0550.



Remember our Bay River Bird Story from the August issue?

Well, here are our baby birds all safe and snug inside their "can nest" with mouths wide open waiting for food. That brings to mind an addition to my story. Once we have prepared the nest, once our "young ones" are in the nest, they still need to be fed. Just as these little fuzzy babies are not yet ready to leave the safety of the nest and find food on their own, those who are "young in the Lord" need nurturing. As Christians, we must break the Bread of Life and share it with those who hunger for it.

Feast of Ingathering...

Your gifts of love mean so much to our church supported schools each fall. Be sure that your church participates in this opportunity by taking your offerings to your District Conference for the Feast of Ingathering offering.

Campbell's Labels Needed...

Campbell's labels are still needed to get the van for Falcon Children's Home. Save your labels from any product made by Campbell's and send them to GLENNA TUCKER, 13114 College Road, Petersburg, VA 23805.

Harvest Train Coming Soon...

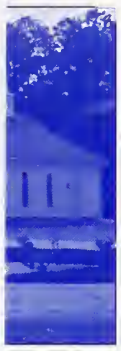
Start now loading your train to bring to Falcon Children's Home on Tuesday, November 21. Bring your dollars and commodities as a Thanksgiving blessing and be a part of this very special day's activities.

partments of
and World Missions

IIS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

ARD!



, a group
ple truth,
n of Rev.
e home of
quate for
to find a

Christian
urely five
ntecostal
thirteen
siding in
ndent. In
was orga-
uently a

890's and
ous to its
lown con-
a major
of. Before
l building
Additions
rooms, an
vestibule,

ilous way
Lord led
acres on
,000. The
ty in nine
rty. Trees
use.
rown the
ed. It was
hip Hall,
ompleted.
se was to

complete the sanctuary. The third phase was to build the education wings. The first and second phases have been completed, and the church recently moved into the new sanctuary in November 1994. When the building program was started, the membership was 84 and an average attendance of 76. The membership as of June 30, 1995, is 103 and an average Sunday worship attendance of 86. God has blessed us with good leadership. Not only has He blessed us with the building, but He has added to the church financial-

ly and spiritually. The old church building has been sold, and the money received has been applied to the loan to finish the sanctuary. The Men's Fellowship has built a ball field to be used in our fellowship program. There will be a T-Ball team in the Little League, and men's and women's softball teams. The Women's Ministries has accepted the responsibility for the church cleaning. The Lord led people in an almost miraculous way throughout the program, for the people had a mind to work.

We congratulate Pastor I. C. Wyatt and the congregation at Trenton for their hard work and diligent sacrifice in building the Kingdom of God. Pastor Wyatt has been with the church from the beginning. Well done! May the church continue to expand with more souls added to the Kingdom.

District Fellowship Meetings

On the fifth Sunday night in July, (July 30) five districts in the Conference had district fellowship gatherings. These were Williamston, Wilmington, Wilson, New Bern, and Goldsboro. Some eight hundred and fifty people were in attendance at these joint services. These were great times of joint worship and fellowship between the churches. At the Williamston District meeting some thirty people were baptized in water.

A word of commendation is in order for these districts. Our churches need to fellowship more often. WE ARE A FAMILY! May the district meetings grow and expand.

Give me the ideas and the skills to be the best teacher I can be so I can make a difference in the lives I touch. I need Your strength to make this the best school year ever for my students. My prayer is that, when my students leave my class, they can say, "Mrs. Bowers, I love you! You are the best teacher I've ever had!"

RING!!!! RING!!!!

Well, Lord, Here they come! Believe me, I'll be keeping in touch with You. I can't do it without You, Lord, because You and I are a team!

(This Article was written by Joy Bowers. Joy is a third grade teacher and is also the WM President at Holly Hill PH Church in Vanceboro.)

Hold It!!! You Forgot Something!

It is 6:00 a.m. The alarm is ringing. Mom fumbles out of bed and scampers down the hall to wake the precious gift from Heaven who is resting so peacefully. It's a rush to get his face washed, teeth brushed and that freshly ironed shirt all buttoned up. Nerves are on edge until the lost shoe has been found and the broken shoelace replaced. There's just enough time to rush to the breakfast table for a bowl of cereal and a glass of juice. Mom waits at the door with jacket and lunch box in hand as the last bite is swallowed. She catches a kiss as he rushes out the door just in time to meet the bus.

Hold it! You forgot something! Mom, you failed to pray. You failed to plead the blood of Jesus over that innocent one God has placed in your care. Today he will face peer pressure, demonic oppression and temptation; yet he left home defenseless and unprotected. It is happening in home after home, day after day. We are allowing Satan to steal our prayer time — and therefore, our children.

School buses are rolling again, and it's time for us to pray harder than ever for our children. As they leave home each day, we must ask God to protect them and help them see clearly the difference between right and wrong — and to give them wisdom to make decisions acceptable in the sight of our Lord. Pray they will have a hatred for sin and a love for holiness of life. Intercede for their fellow students, teachers and staff members and claim their salvation in the name of Jesus.

If you are searching for a prayer guide, refer to page 43 of the *1995 LINK*. Or, become a part of a MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL group. This organization is a group of ladies who are willing to meet once a week to pray for one hour for their children, their schools, their teachers, and administrators. For further information, write: Moms In Touch International, P.O. Box 1120, Poway, California 92074-1120.

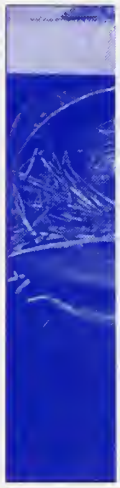
Ladies of NCWM, you are challenged to stand in the gap for our children. James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a "A" righteous man availeth much." YOUR PRAYER CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Director of Intercession

GEMS LTC...

GEMS Leadership Training Council is scheduled for October 27 & 28 in Falcon. This is a Friday evening and

Saturday
and fell
Coordina
aged to p
give of th
already h
encourag
informat
Director,



Remi

Well, h
their "car
That brin
have prep
nest, they
babies are
find food
need nurt
of Life an

Your g
ed schools
in this o
District C

C

Campb
Falcon Ch
uct made
TUCKER

H

Start
Children'
dollars ar
be a part

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Trenton Church Marches Forward!

As the result of a tent revival held in July 1963, a group of men and women who loved the Lord and Bible truth, organized into a mission church under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. I. C. Wyatt, Jr. Services were held in the home of Mr. A. L. Andrews. The home soon proved inadequate for the growing congregation, making it necessary to find a larger place to hold services.

The Lord led the people to purchase the old Christian Church in Trenton. On December 15, 1963, barely five months after the tent meeting, the Trenton Pentecostal Holiness Church was officially organized with thirteen charter members. Rev. S. J. Williams was presiding in behalf of Rev. W. E. Morris, Conference Superintendent. In the service two weeks later, the Sunday School was organized with eighteen members, and subsequently a Lifeliners and Woman's Auxiliary were organized.

The church building was constructed in the 1890's and had not been maintained for some ten years previous to its purchase. Needless to say, it was in a rather rundown condition. The people rallied to the cause and began a major remodeling program that went from ground to roof. Before the program subsided, it had developed into a real building program with almost unbelievable final results. Additions and improvements included seven Sunday School rooms, an adequate water system, restrooms, an enlarged vestibule, and a heating/air-conditioning system.

The Lord led the people in an almost miraculous way throughout the '60s and '70s. Early in the '80s the Lord led the pastor to recommend the purchase of five acres on Highway 41 and Henderson Road at a cost of $16,000. The people rallied to the cause and paid for the property in nine months. A renovation program began on the property. Trees were cleared, and the site was prepared for church use.

Early in the '90s the attendance had outgrown the church building, so a building program was started. It was established in three phases. First, the Fellowship Hall, restrooms, kitchen, nursery, and the office were completed. The sanctuary was shelled in. The second phase was to complete the sanctuary. The third phase was to build the education wings. The first and second phases have been completed, and the church recently moved into the new sanctuary in November 1994. When the building program was started, the membership was 84 and an average attendance of 76. The membership as of June 30, 1995, is 103 and an average Sunday worship attendance of 86. God has blessed us with good leadership. Not only has He blessed us with the building, but He has added to the church financial-

ly and spiritually. The old church building has been sold, and the money received has been applied to the loan to finish the sanctuary. The Men's Fellowship has built a ball field to be used in our fellowship program. There will be a T-Ball team in the Little League, and men's and women's softball teams. The Women's Ministries has accepted the responsibility for the church cleaning. The Lord led people in an almost miraculous way throughout the program, for the people had a mind to work.

We congratulate Pastor I. C. Wyatt and the congregation at Trenton for their hard work and diligent sacrifice in building the Kingdom of God. Pastor Wyatt has been with the church from the beginning. Well done! May the church continue to expand with more souls added to the Kingdom.

District Fellowship Meetings

On the fifth Sunday night in July, (July 30) five districts in the Conference had district fellowship gatherings. These were Williamston, Wilmington, Wilson, New Bern, and Goldsboro. Some eight hundred and fifty people were in attendance at these joint services. These were great times of joint worship and fellowship between the churches. At the Williamston District meeting some thirty people were baptized in water.

A word of commendation is in order for these districts. Our churches need to fellowship more often. WE ARE A FAMILY! May the district meetings grow and expand.

Global Outreach Update as of August 4, 1995

Cash & Pledges — $150,066.00
Cash In Hand — $143,000.00

Fall Missions Dates

Missions F.E.S.T.s — Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training

October 7 — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch included)
Robersonville Church
October 14 — 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch included)
Peniel Church

The missions F.E.S.T.s are open to all ministers, pastors, local directors, and local committee members, and anyone interested in the work of World Missions. Both the above meetings will be the same. Ministers will get four hours of Continuing Education Units.

Fall Rallies

October 9 — Rocky Mount District
Harvest Temple Church — 7:30 p.m.
October 10 — Greenville District
Faith Church — 7:30 p.m.
October 12 — Raleigh District
Place to be announced

International Evangelists

The Pentecostal Holiness Church presently has seven International Evangelists. These men and women minister primarily in the States and make periodic ministry trips overseas to aid missionaries in the work of evangelism. Below is a picture and short sketch of one of our newer International Evangelist couples, Larry and Linda Queen. They are from the Western N.C. Conference.

Rev. Larry and Linda Queen

Pastor Larry and Linda Queen have been pastoring Pentecostal Holiness Churches for the past 26 years and 16 1/2 years at the Living Waters Church in Durham, from which they resigned in December to become International Evangelists with our World Missions Department. They are available for revival services, exciting up-to-date missions services, seminars, and marriage retreats. They can be contacted at: Rev. Larry Queen, 3510 Preston St., Durham, NC 27705 or (919) 477-2347.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our own Deborah Williams was one of the first approved International Evangelists. She serves as a N.C. Conference Evangelist as well. She has recently returned from a ministry trip to Russia. Information from the trip will be available at the next writing.

Current International Evangelist Job Description

The World Missions Department recognizes that some of our evangelists in the United States will answer the call of the Lord of the Harvest to give part of their time ministering overseas. The position of International Evangelist has been established for this purpose.

The International Evangelist will have a proven evangelistic ministry in the United States. He or she will continue to give primary time to ministering in the United States and will continue to support himself in this way. In addition to ministry in the United States, overseas trips will be made for the purpose of conducting evangelistic crusades.

Working together, the World Missions Department staff, Overseas Ministry Coordinators and evangelist, will determine through prayer and consultation where crusades are needed and plan an itinerary for one-two years in advance. Normally each trip overseas will be for a period of one to three months.

The International Evangelist will be considered a missionary on special assignment and will be responsible to raise the necessary support for the overseas ministry. Each overseas ministry trip will have a budget established by the field personnel and Overseas Ministry Coordinator which will be the amount the evangelist will be responsible for raising prior to the trip. The budget will include travel expenses, living expenses for the evangelist, and crusade expenses. This money will normally be raised during the regular evangelistic ministry in the United States and sent to the World Missions Department through regular channels.

When the itinerary has been approved by the Overseas Ministry Coordinator and the Executive Director, and the necessary budget raised, the evangelist will be cleared by the Assistant Director to proceed to the field.

PASTORS, BE A PART OF THE CHURCH REVITALIZATION FORUM
FIRST MEETING — SEPTEMBER 28, 1995
****

JOIN THE CHURCH PLANTER'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—JUNE 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	----	650	----	627	500
Glad Tidings	488	----	461	----	180	215
Kinston First	678	----	281	----	321	230
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	208	----	100	97
The First	360	----	199	----	140	132
Stedman	268	----	186	----	265	135
Whitley	269	----	167	----	225	182
The Capital	350	----	166	----	140	196
Gospel Tabernacle	436	30	163	39	342	235
Tarboro First	214	20	161	20	233	120
Shiloh WD	277	49	158	49	176	84
Greenville First	236	----	148	----	135	74
Mt. Carmel	328	----	140	----	180	115
Robersonville	186	----	140	----	172	123
Culbreth Memorial	206	25	137	16	172	129
Harkers Island	127	----	123	----	----	----
Peniel	259	----	118	----	107	70
Lumberton	326	18	113	16	140	87
St. Pauls	132	57	112	14	132	94
Bizzell Grove	160	40	108	24	85	46
Millennium	175	37	104	37	90	50
Smyrna	119	----	103	----	71	66
Evangel	419	12	101	13	234	103
Williamston	155	4	100	6	116	102
Brentwood	120	----	99	----	128	121
Wilson First	164	----	97	----	100	63
Wallace	186	20	97	17	67	53
Pikes Crossroads	199	70	95	39	145	63
Clinton	151	52	93	52	75	83
Harvest Temple	117	65	89	47	109	55
Bethany	151	8	87	23	109	45
Belfast	107	----	87	----	90	84
Hope Mills	150	30	84	28	80	41
St. Paul	132	----	81	----	40	28
Ebenezer	135	----	77	----	121	41
Roanoke Rapids	260	646	77	646	101	15
Selma	103	----	76	----	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	72	----	----	----
Eastside	106	95	71	18	----	----
Stantonsburg	179	----	70	----	----	----
St. John	135	----	69	----	34	40
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	68	----	92	43
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	68	----	140	81
Roper	113	----	68	----	101	49
Mount Olive	90	----	67	----	----	----
Midway	141	31	66	26	81	35
Holly Hill	108	----	65	----	104	35
Winter Park	----	----	64	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	63	----	59	36
Moores Chapel	102	----	63	----	72	45
Hollands Chapel	65	----	63	----	30	20
Brocks Chapel	156	----	62	----	91	42
Benson	143	22	62	43	50	40
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	62	----	----	----
Bridgeton	75	----	59	----	----	----
Graham Memorial	100	----	58	----	54	35
Sharon	99	----	57	----	43	30
Highest Praise	185	----	56	----	118	623
Rehoboth	137	----	55	----	60	32
Emmanuel	90	----	55	----	50	30
Shiloh FD	85	----	53	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	53	----	49	39
Shelmerdine	120	----	53	----	74	76
Winterville	87	----	52	----	----	----
Hamilton	78	----	52	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	52	----	88	44
Jacksonville	72	----	52	----	58	45
Maranatha	55	51	----	----	20	41
Manleys Grove	124	----	50	----	----	----
Srping Hope	59	----	50	----	54	46
Taylors Chapel	117	----	49	----	----	----
Baywood	183	----	49	----	120	29
New Vision	57	----	49	----	37	27
Ahoskie	104	----	49	----	59	35
Ayden	62	----	49	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	48	----	142	25
Thomas Chapel	127	----	48	----	66	18
Thunderswamp	102	----	47	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	47	----	65	40
Tyndall Grove	85	----	47	----	24	15
Niagara	138	----	47	----	40	16
Warsaw	67	----	46	----	40	13
Scotland Neck	70	72	46	74	32	32
Elizabethtown	70	10	46	13	----	----
Hobgood	88	----	46	----	----	----
Grace Community	181	----	45	----	96	32
Liberty	44	----	45	----	----	----
Tabernacle	59	----	44	----	59	34
Hodges Chapel	79	----	43	----	----	----
Boardman	287	----	43	----	205	14
Albritton	74	18	43	21	43	34
Living Waters	73	----	43	----	89	33
Goshen	73	----	42	----	36	31
Trinity RMD	89	----	42	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	40	----	----	----
Faith WD	64	170	40	170	----	----
Weldon	66	----	40	----	----	----
Friendship WD	86	----	40	----	50	38
Hopewell	65	----	39	----	57	39
Trinity CD	130	----	38	----	55	31
Alert	63	----	38	----	28	12
Kenly	89	----	38	----	----	----
Westmoreland	111	26	38	----	68	23
Vanceboro	40	----	36	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	34	----	28	16
New Covenant	35	----	34	----	24	25
St. Matthew	73	----	34	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	34	----	----	----
Jones Grove	61	----	33	----	----	----
Sims	48	----	32	----	----	----
Garland	61	----	32	----	----	----
Snow Hill	143	----	31	----	----	----
Heritage	59	----	31	----	72	33
Calvary LD	31	----	30	----	----	----
Vaughns Chapel	103	----	29	----	----	----
Faith GD	65	----	29	----	39	17
Lyon Memorial	85	----	29	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	41	----	29	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	29	----	30	14
Bailey	64	----	29	----	24	14
Friendship NBD	52	----	29	----	27	17
Lowland	38	----	28	----	28	23
Wades Point	41	----	27	----	----	----
New Hope	34	----	26	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	65	----	26	----	----	----
Plymouth	26	----	25	----	----	----
Black Creek	51	----	25	----	----	----
Washington	44	----	23	----	----	----
Alliance	44	----	22	----	47	10
Farmville	37	----	22	----	29	19
Grifton	88	----	21	----	45	15
Clayton	53	----	21	----	----	----
Shekinah	55	----	20	----	----	----
Merritts Chapel	60	----	20	----	----	----
New Life	27	----	20	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	47	----	20	----	23	15
Chistian Chapel	31	----	18	----	----	----
New Creation	9	----	17	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	16	----	16	6
Goose Creek	34	----	16	----	22	10
Middlesex	17	----	15	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	14	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	15	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	10	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	9	----	----	----
Belhaven	7	----	7	----	----	----
Lighthouse	7	----	7	----	----	----
Swanquarter	----	----	----	----	----	----
Trenton	----	----	----	----	----	----
Pinetown	----	----	----	----	----	----
Pine Valley	----	----	----	----	----	----
Reelsboro	----	----	----	----	----	----
Hubert	----	----	----	----	----	----
Aberdeen	----	----	----	----	----	----
Gethsemane	----	----	----	----	----	----
Independence	----	----	----	----	----	----
Smithfield	----	----	----	----	----	----
Panderlea	----	----	----	----	----	----
Trinity NBD	----	----	----	----	----	----
Family Worship Center	----	----	----	----	----	----
Chadbourn	----	----	----	----	----	----
The Genesis	----	----	----	----	----	----
New Life Tabernacle	----	----	----	----	----	----
Missionary	----	----	----	----	----	----
Micro	----	----	----	----	----	----
Nakina	----	----	----	----	----	----
Pine Level	----	----	----	----	----	----
Abundant Life	----	----	----	----	----	----
Total:	19,050	1,627	9,972	1,477	8,935	5,628
Average:	130	65	68	59	97	61
Count:	146		147		92	92

L.T.C. APPLICATION

Christian Education Department
North Carolina Conference
September 22-24, 1995

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Date Packet Sent: _____
Amount Received: $_____
Date Deposited: _____
Check #: _____
Amount Due: $_____

Name _____
Phone No.

Address _____

City _____ State_____ Zip_____

Church _____ Conference_____

Pastor _____ District_____

Position: (Check One)
- ❑ Senior Commander
- ❑ Other
- ❑ Pastor or Minister
- ❑ Outpost Councilmen
- ❑ Outpost Commander
- ❑ Lt. Commander

Age Level Most Involved with: (Check One)
❑ Pioneer ❑ Trailblazer ❑ Air, Sea, Trail Ranger ❑ Equal Involvement

Location Of School: Conference School/Cafeteria Building — Falcon, NC

Do you have any medical problems or dietary restrictions that we should know about? ❑ YES ❑ NO
(If yes, please give details on back)

All classes must be attended: Session 1 (Fri. a.m.) Session 2 (Fri. p.m.) Session 3 (Sat. a.m.) Session 4 (Sat. p.m.) Session 5 (Sun. a.m.)

A pre-registration fee of $55.00 **must** accompany this registration. This non-refundable fee covers the cost of the LTC Books and will be applied toward the full registration of $95.00. The remainder of this fee must be paid upon arrival. Checks should be earmarked "LTC," and mailed with application to:

N.C. CONFERENCE C.E. DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342-0060

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C881.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 OCTOBER 1995 NUMBER 10

It's not a dream...it's a reality

FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME HARVEST TRAIN

Tuesday, November 21, 1995

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

RAMBLING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Saturday, April 1 was a terrifically inspiring day as I enjoyed our junior's display of talent competition. The Lord has given us so many young ones to become eleventh-hour workers.

I was blessed immensely by the following congregations as I ministered among them during the period, April-August: Jacksonville, Genesis (Knightdale-Zebulon), Independence (new church at Bailey), Plymouth, Shiloh (Wilson District), Wilmington First, Ebenezer (Nashville), Living Faith (Rocky Mount), Alliance, New Life Tabernacle (Greenville), Gospel Net (Sneads Ferry), Ahoskie, Smyrna, Harvest Fellowship (Shallotte), Shiloh (Fayetteville District), Smithfield, Pike's Crossroads, Jones Grove (Mount Olive), New Bern First, Heritage (New Bern), Roanoke Rapids First, and Eastside (Sanford). I also enjoyed visits to Culbreth Memorial (Falcon) and Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn. Pastors Danny Nelson and King E. White, Sr. preached challenging and instructive messages.

The annual Christian Workers Institute was a blessing as guests Reverends Ed Wood and Kenneth Kingrea spoke to us. This is an excellent time of refreshment and retreat. You'll not want to miss the 1996 institute. It is set for a new date and format. Dr. Owen Weston, who is now a vital contributor to the ministry of *Evangelism USA* and Southwestern College of Christian Ministries will be the guest speaker. He will speak Monday evening, four times on Tuesday, and two times on Wednesday. The dates are February 19-21. We will close out on Wednesday, February 21 in time for all attendees to be home for Wednesday evening church activities.

Independence is a church founded by Pastor John C. Finch some thirteen years ago. They have joined the conference, and Pastor Randy Medlin of Wilson is serving that congregation. We welcome these dear folk.

I look forward to next year's **Day With the Superintendent.** This training event was overwhelmingly received by some 175 of our conference ministers. Those days were great for fellowship and C.E.U. accumulation too. The 1996 **Day With the Superintendent** is scheduled at present as follows:

DISTRICT	DATE	DISTRICT	DATE
Wilson	Mar. 6	New Bern	June 11
Wilmington	Mar. 21	Morehead City	June 18
Williamston	Apr. 11	Greenville	Oct. 3
Rocky Mount	Apr. 18	Goldsboro	Oct. 24
Raleigh	May 21	Fayetteville	Oct. 31
Lumberton	May 30	Clinton	Nov. 7

Everyone needs the opportunity to attend at least one GEMS RETREAT. GEMS is an acronym for **G**irls **E**ntering The **M**aster's **S**ervice. I am so thankful to Mrs. Sandra McCandless, conference director, and every lady who works with GEMS. This is a fantastic ministry.

Pastor, have you thought of planning a special day to honor some outstanding lay person in your congregation? Pastor Ralph Leggett and the congregation at Shiloh (WD) are to be commended for their thoughtfulness as they honored Brother Glenn R. Davis on April 30. I was privileged to preach during that special Sunday morning service. A more deserving brother could not have been selected from among our fine people anywhere.

Several of our mature personnel will remember Rev. W. W. Carter. I had the honor of attending his widow's funeral in Roanoke, Va. Pastor Charles Gentry accompanied me. Mrs. Carter was mother of Mrs. June Carter Canavesio (missionary to Latin America) and grandmother of Rev. Terrence Kesling, a member of this conference.

Have you every had the privilege of sharing with Royal Rangers boys and their leaders around a campfire? I did! The Fayetteville District R.R. gathered on the Stedman church Campground on Friday evening, May 5. It was great to be there.

I enjoyed a day of fellowship with my son, Greg. We went fishing but ended up just "boat riding." It was a "cool" day; just right.

I promised a little girl about 20 years ago that I would "do" her wedding. Pastor H. Ray Ward graciously received me to work together in Tonya's wedding. Now she is Mrs. Branch.

It is good when our ministers are in position to secure their own homes. Pastor Reuben Mosley and his lovely wife Anna are to be commended for their hard work and sacrifice. It is a lovely setting. I wish all of you could have been with us on that Sunday afternoon in June. There were so many people present as we dedicated their beautiful and commodious house to the Lord. Brother Mosley pastors Vaughan Chapel in Nash County.

A warrior was promoted! Pastor Carrie Bullard of the Boardman Church is now resting in the arms of our Lord. A host of friends found standing room only as the sanctuary and fellowship building filled to beyond capacity on Wednesday, June 14. She and her husband, "Peck," are dear friends.

Falcon Camp Meeting was a grand occasion of revival. All the preachers were used mightily by our Lord. Make plans now to attend the 1996 camp meeting, July 21-28. Dr. Leroy Baker, Superintendent of the Texas Conference, will be the evening speaker.

What a glorious celebration of outreach ministry as we are now quickly approaching the $150,000.00 mark with the "GO" Offering. Praise God!

I like to see pictures of what we looked like years ago. I saw some interesting pictures of Pastor Vance and Sandra Harrell (Smyrna church) during the celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday evening. June 25. I had the honor of hearing them repeat their vows. It was a lovely occasion. Van and Hannah were so dressed up too!

It is a marvelous blessing when our churches are able to assist our pastors with adequate and comfortable living facilities. Pastors Bert and Karen Sapp are now enjoying the newly-dedicated parsonage of the Shiloh church (FD). Sunday afternoon, July 2, was a nice day for the celebration.

I had a hot but relaxing day fishing with my dear friend, "T. C." McLaurin of Mount Carmel in mid-July. We didn't do a lot of catching, but he will admit I caught the "big one" that day. "T. C." is such a good sport.

Jones Grove now has a most comfortable and inviting home for pastor Tony and Debbie Hawley. We had dedication on Sunday, July 16. I know the Hawleys are enjoying that nice place. By the way, if you want to see some beautiful bull dog puppies, tell Tony

I surely enjoyed officiating in the dedication of our second grandson Justin who was born in June. He is such a nice addition to the New Bern First Church.

The New Bern District filled the Heritage Church on Sunday evening, July 30, for a joint service directed by the District Evangelism Unit. We had a good service. I surely enjoyed preaching. I believe it would be good if all our churches and pastors would come together occasionally for this type service.

Back-to-back trips took me to New Heritage for a World Missions Board meeting and National Teen Talent, Bible Quiz, and Royal Rangers finals. All of it was uplifting.

We finished the Piney Grove Camp meeting last Sunday night. Pastor Robert and Juanita Ormond and the Hodges Chapel people are grand hosts. It was a good camp meeting as Evangelist Bob Ely and Minister of Music Frederick Dixon led us into the Presence of the Lord. The morning speakers really blessed us too.

Bi-District Leadership Rallies began last Monday night. We have three of them this week. Then we will be off to Israel for the World Conference. By the time you read this, we will be back. The other three Bi-District Rallies (District Conferences) will have occurred, and it will be time for KML at Emmanuel College. I hope to see some of you there.

TEL

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published bimonthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Train for Falcon Children's Home Tuesday, November 21, 1995

Children may come and go...but the needs are still the same.

Since 1909 Falcon Children's Home has ministered to the needs of children.

Falcon Children's Home provides for a year-round Christian home, educational opportunities, recreational activities, and many other programs.

You have just a little less than a month left to work hard in order to make your contribution to the children's home bigger and better than ever before. Churches are busy gathering commodities and raising funds to take to Falcon Children's Home.

They are in need of laundry detergent, bleach, cereal, shortening, large cans of canned fruit, and any other groceries and household supplies. They know that your giving will replenish the warehouse with supplies to help meet the needs of the children as well as provide funds to help them make it through the year financially. The funds are used for utilities, maintenance, groceries, clothing, payroll, and personal needs of the children.

The children and staff are looking for you on Harvest Train Day, November 21, 1995.

Superannuated Birthdays for October

Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Clifton Turpin	October 27
Rev. Ethel Bailey	October 29
Rev. Louise Smith	October 31
Rev. Frank R. Moore	October 31

Nine Requisites for Contented Living

- Health enough to make work a pleasure.
- Wealth enough to support your needs.
- Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them.
- Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
- Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor.
- Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.
- Faith enough to make real the things of God.
- Hope enough to remove all anxious fear concerning the future.

—Selected

God Never Changes

One of the most beautiful scriptures ever given by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is found in John 3:16. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* What a **wonderful** promise to hold in our hearts. This scripture is encouragement for the new Christians as well as the old Christians.

Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church wants to send up praise to our God for His continued blessings on our church. We currently hold 152 members and are eager to increase that number with faith that God will send us souls and allow us to be a lighthouse in Sanford, North Carolina.

In July of this year we held a baptismal service with twelve people baptized, three joined the church, and one more soul was added to the Lamb's Book of Life. God is so amazing.

We would also like to thank Rev. T. E. Long, Conference Superintendent, for being obedient to God and holding a three-day revival at our church. We were blessed with the great messages that he brought forth from God. During that revival we rejoiced that four souls were saved. We can only say (in the words of our teens) our God is an awesome God!

We also would like to thank God for fellowship with His people. The senior citizens of our church joined together and organized a scheduled meeting time that they could come together and fellowship. The program started August 1, 1995, and the first meeting was a success with seventeen seniors attending. Praise be to God!

Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church has **many** things to thank God for, and we have only shared a few of them. We hope that our excitement in the Lord along with His unchanging, continual blessings will encourage others to "keep up the good fight" for lost souls. We ask for your continued prayers as we march forward in Christ!

Rose Fenton, Secretary/Treasurer
Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

Hollands Chapel Honors Mr. Richard M. Tyndall

Mr. Richard M. Tyndall

On Sunday, June 18, 1995, the Holland's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church located at 2069 Huntley School Road, Roseboro, NC, honored one of its most distinguished members, Mr. Richard Melvin Tyndall. The service which very fittingly was on Father's Day was dedicated to the honor of Mr. Tyndall. Mr. Tyndall was born on January 15, 1898, to Lillie and Vinnie Tyndall. He was raised in the Huntley Community and attended the Holland's Chapel until 1941. Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, he was drafted into the army and served until his discharge at the conclusion of the war. He and his family attended the Free Gospel Tabernacle in Fayetteville until March of 1949. Following his conversion in March of 1949, he helped to organize and build the Friendship Holiness Church (West Area) in Fayetteville.

In 1953 he moved his family back to his home community in Sampson County and began attending the church that he loved and was raised in. His love for God and the church is demonstrated by his serving in various capacities and offices in the church without complaining.

Although the church was small and struggling at this time in his life, he was faithful in the various places of leadership to which he was elected. These included the offices of Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Lifeline Director, and Song Leader. His love for God, the church, and the support of his pastor is reflected in his faithfulness to worship his Lord by being in church regardless of the weather when he is at home.

His retirement from public work and from the responsibilities of the church enables Brother and Sister Tyndall to travel during the summer months. However, when they are home, they will be found sitting up front worshiping his Lord.

The Tyndalls have six children: Roberta Darden, Geraldine Sutton, Lynda Honeycutt, Diane Hall, Johnny, and Dwight Tyndall. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Because of the many sacrifices and labor of love by Mr. Tyndall during a time when the church struggled, he is held in high esteem by his fellow Christians and neighbors.

It was only fitting that we honor a "Father of the Faith" on Father's Day. It was a surprise to Mr. Tyndall that many family members and friends met in his honor as the church dedicated a Sunday School room to his honor.

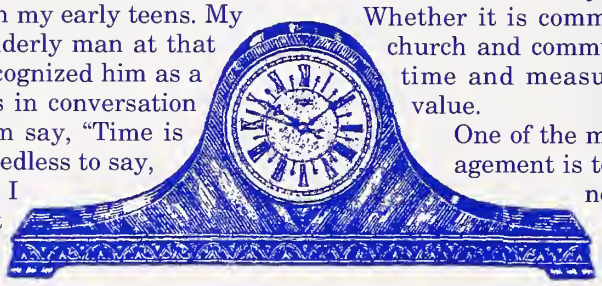
Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

Time — what a precious commodity! It seems, though, the older I get, the faster the clock ticks. I recall an incident which took place when I was in my early teens. My great uncle, Web Morris, was an elderly man at that time. I greatly admired him and recognized him as a grandfatherly figure. While he was in conversation with someone else, I overheard him say, "Time is just not as long as it used to be." Needless to say, in those early teen years, when I thought time was creeping and that I would never get sixteen, I could not understand Uncle Web's observation. When I questioned him about it, he assured me that he was right, and one day I would understand.



Well, folks, guess what? Time is just not as long as it used to be! Could it be that my energy has waned a little since I was a teenager, and I just can't accomplish as much in the time allotted? Could it be that our lifestyles today cause us to try to pack too much into too little time? Oh yes, it has been said, too, that time flies when you're having fun. Well, the truth of the matter is that probably all these factors figure in for most of us.

Sometimes the demands on our time cause us to wonder in which direction to turn. Yet, recently as I was reading Solomon's writing in Ecclesiastes 3, I was reminded that there is a right time for everything. A time to be born and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to harvest; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to destroy and a time to rebuild; A time to cry and a time to laugh; A time to grieve and a time to dance; A time for scattering stones and a time for gathering stones; A time to hug and a time not to hug; A time to find and a time to lose: A time for keeping and a time for throwing away; A time to tear up and a time to repair; A time to keep quiet and a time to speak up; A time for loving and a time for hating; A time for war and a time for peace. It seems he left nothing out.

Our surroundings prove that Solomon's words are true. We witness the springtime planting and the reaping of the harvest in the fall. We see the need to love what is good and hate evil. Recently, among my circle of friends, I have shared in the joy of birth and the sorrow of death. In some cases, the timing might not seem right to us. The sudden death of one of our church members, a former deacon, who was 67 years old, seems untimely to us. But in God's timing, it is perfectly right. For Solomon goes on to say that everything is appropriate in its own time.

So how do we accomplish all that is in our charge when our time seems so limited? I have found that I must prioritize. One of my favorite stories is the one of the little girl who told her mother that she wished she could have a million kittens. Her mother questioned her as to how she could ever possibly take care of a million kittens. The little girl's answer was simply, "I would love them one at a time." That is the way we must face our Christian duties.

Whether it is commitments to home and family or to church and community, we must take them one at a time and measure them in light of their eternal value.

One of the most important aspects of time management is to leave some time for self. One cannot constantly give unless he or she also takes time to receive. I fear that one of our greatest failures as Christians today is that we do not take the time we need to stand still before God and feed on Him. In the rush of our day, we take a few minutes to read the Bible and whisper a prayer on the run — but never really slow ourselves down to a standstill before His face. We need "a time to be quiet" before the Lord. If we are going to be able to face all the grueling demands of life in a manner that will glorify the Lord, we must be refueled with the oil of the Holy Spirit's anointing.

The scripture also tells us to redeem the time. I have often read that and thought it meant to cram every single thing I could into each minute. But upon reflecting again on the value of time, perhaps, just perhaps, some time could best be redeemed by leaving it open to spend quality moments in the presence of the King.

God has planned a right time for everything. Have you?

Congratulations, Victor and Patricia Griffin, on the birth of their son Joshua Lee born Wednesday, August 23 — weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs.

Patricia is WM president at the Williamston First Church.

NC GEMS Sponsor Rally

GEMS sponsors from all across the North Carolina Conference gathered on Friday evening, August 25, for a time of learning, fellowship, and worship at The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro. This event, the first of its kind in our own conference, was to be a time designed just for the special and dear women who have devoted themselves to ministry through GEMS.

The evening included GEMS updates on future events,

reporting procedures, and uniform concerns. GEMS District Directors were thanked and recognized for their contributions over the past year.

GEMS Historian Elaine Stalls and ladies from the Williamston District presented the skit, "The Value of A Girl." Lynne Rose sang a beautiful rendition of "Medals, Crowns and Trophies," after which NC GEMS Director Sandra McCandless shared remarks on "True Ministry — birthed from a Personal Relationship with God." The service concluded after a sweet time of worship and prayer.

The NC GEMS Board members have a special concern from GEMS Sponsors and their needs. This service was a time to meet together in the special bond which is shared by everyone who is committed to the GEMS program — a special time to encourage and to edify.

Submitted by Sandra McCandless
NC GEMS Director

REMINDER: NC GEMS LTC October 27 & 28 in Falcon REGISTER NOW!!

GEMS STC Planned

The Sturkie Training Course (advanced training for GEMS Sponsors) will be held in North Carolina on Saturday, February 17, 1996. GEMS Coordinators will receive more information on this course in the near future.

October Tips...

Does it seem to you that October has been taken over by the witches and goblins? We see homes as elaborately decorated in the Halloween motif as we do for Christmas in December. I hope you will find an alternative to this decor in your fall decorating scheme.

Sure, we all like corn stalks and pumpkins; but instead of the ghoulish jack-o-lantern, you might want to carve your pumpkins with a big and happy smile and post a sign beside it which states in big and bold letters "SMILE—JESUS LOVES YOU." (You can use the meat from your pumpkins to make the recipe which follows.)

When the little trick or treaters come to your home, greet them with a piece of candy and a gospel tract or scripture verse.

SMILE – JESUS LOVES YOU

Your Women's Ministries group might want to use your October meeting to provide a special Bible-time character dress-up party for your young people of the church. Let them act out their role, award prizes for best costumes, and serve appropriate refreshments.

PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE

4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 cup salad oil
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 cups cooked or canned pumpkin

Beat eggs and sugar and mix well. Add salad oil and blend thoroughly. Add flour, salt, soda, and cinnamon; blend together. Add pumpkin and blend well. Pour batter into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes.

(This is Betty Gentry's recipe from the Greenville First Women's Ministries cookbook, *Treasured Recipes,* Volume II.)

1995-96 NCWM District Director Assignments...

The following assignments have been made for district directors for the coming year. Listed below are names, addresses, and phone numbers for each one. Please feel free to contact them regarding Women's Ministries concerns within your district.

Clinton — Joyce Swinson, Route 2, Box 506-A, Roseboro, NC 28382 — (910) 592-6770

Fayetteville — Patsy Payne, P.O. Box 989, Broadway, NC 27505 — (919) 258-6242

Goldsboro — Justine Lee, 1081 S. Bentonville Rd., Four Oaks, NC 27524 — (919) 689-2724

Greenville — Janie Howard, P.O. Box 1757, Winterville, NC 28590 — (919) 756-4434

Lumberton — Terri Hodge, Route 5, Box 71-I, Lumberton, NC 28358 — (910) 671-0623

Morehead City — Charlene Strong, 106 Pinewood Drive, Newport, NC 28570 — (919) 247-9552

New Bern — Donna Long, 1204 Fulcher Lane, New bern, NC 28560 — (919) 637-4018

Raleigh — Meshelder Richardson, 262 Mudham Rd., Wendell, NC 27591 — (919) 365-7621

Rocky Mount — Faye Viverette, 1232 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27801 — (919) 442-5033

Williamston — Linda Askew, Route 4, Box 48, Ahoskie, NC 27910 — (919) 332-2960

Wilmington — Teresa Bradshaw, 321 W. Hall Street, Wallace, NC 28466 — (910) 285-7235

Wilson — Rose Hubbard, 2704 Buckingham Road, Wilson, NC 27896 — (919) 237-5713

Plan Ahead For...

Harvest Train — November 21, 1995
Leadership Seminar — January 27, 1996
Spring Retreat — March 29 & 30, 1996

Food For Thought...

If every member of my WM were just like me, What kind of WM would my WM be?

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1995 Summer Interns

1995 Summer Interns: L to R: 1st Row—Tim Costin, Tim Bowen, Ralph Suk. 2nd Row—David Bryan, Johnny Williams, Daniel Beard.

The North Carolina Conference had six summer interns this summer. Interns who work at least forty hours a week for eight weeks with a local church are supplemented by the N.C. Conference Evangelism Department $400.00. These interns did a great job. Their pastors and churches are to be commended for participating in this worthwhile project.

Tim Costin — Brother Costin is a member of the N.C. Conference and a senior at Holmes College of the Bible, Greenville, S.C. Tim served the Reelsboro Church as Assistant Pastor under Pastor McElree Purifoy.

Tim Bowen — Brother Bowen worked with the Bethany Church under Pastor Phillip Bland as Assistant Pastor. He is a member of the N.C. Conference and a senior at Holmes College of the Bible.

Ralph Suk — Brother Suk served with Pastor Lester Jarrett of the Ahoskie Church as Youth Pastor. He is a senior at Holmes College of the Bible.

David Bryan — David served as Youth Pastor of the Sanford First Church. He served with the Pastor Elton Bryan, his father. He is a sophomore at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia.

Johnny Williams — Brother Williams attended Emmanuel College last year and has transferred to East Carolina University this fall. He served at Kinston First this summer as Youth Pastor. He worked closely with Rev. Willis Pearson and Pastor Bobby Williams, his father.

Daniel Beard — Brother Beard graduated this spring at Emmanuel College. He plans to attend Regent University this fall at Virginia Beach, Virginia. He worked this summer as Youth Pastor at the Robersonville Church with Pastor Noah Barefoot.

The Evangelism Department is happy to participate and help sponsor such a worthwhile program as the Summer Intern Program.

Red Hook Project

Presently some $145,000.00 has been given or pledged for the Red Hook Church Building in New York City. The deadline to raise the remaining $55,000.00 is April 1996. In addition funds will be needed for remodeling, etc. Brother Randy Johnson offers the following comments, "God has already provided seventy-five percent of the total needed. We know that what God orders, He pays for; and so we have placed this in His hands, trusting Him to make His will known through His provision."

Randy and Ruth Johnson are doing a fantastic job in New York City. Those desiring to support Randy and Ruth should send funds designated —"Randy and Ruth Johnson, Evangelism USA." Those desiring to help with the purchase of the church building should send funds marked "Red Hook Project."

FALL DATES

Fall F.E.S.T.s	October 7	Robersonville Church
	October 14	Peniel Church
Fall Rallies	October 9	Harvest Temple Church Rocky Mount District Rally
	October 10	Faith Church Greenville District Rally
	October 12	Evangel Church Raleigh District Rally
	October 26	Church Revitalization Forum
	November	Church Revitalization Forum

Lives Changed Forever In Russia!

Before they joined this SAM Team in Russia, they didn't even know one another. They didn't know these two team leaders either, Larry Faulkner and Deborah Williams. Well, one of the guys did know Larry a little.

Where is your mission field? You can start with your neighborhood, your work place, the grocery store. You see when you really get FULL of the Holy Spirit, you'll want to spill over everywhere. God's not looking for special people to anoint with His power. He's looking for the obedient. If you will, He will. Just ask Gwen Downing (age 19, Oklahoma), Kent McHugh (age 20, Florida), Sonya Vance (age 15, North Carolina), Corrie Hill (age 20, Colorado), Robin Simmons (age 17, South Carolina), and Mark Carpenter (age 23, North Carolina).

Today the neighborhood. Tomorrow the world!

Rev. Deborah L. Williams
International Evangelist

e a family
ıced unity
Every day
ı broke for
er there is
ıother and
und them

; songs in
hey didn't
ach. They
ons, pavil-
ıd to their
vent up to
3 were glo-
cane and
of all, six

ıders take
them now
ıre specifi-
heir lives.
t can hap-
Christians
e Gospel."
ır first get
d with the
o!

Personal Ministry — Guatemala

Cutting Edge Ministry in Guatemala

Awesome! This is the word that best describes R.A.S.O.R.S. Youth Ministries (First Pentecostal in Greenville) and Youth & Co.'s (Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn) joint venture to Guatemala this summer. The two youth groups joined forces to form a SAM Team of twenty-three members ranging in age from 16 to 28. They went to Guatemala from July 10-24. The trip was a great success. The team was separated into 2 drama teams. The teams did 18 drama sets while they were in Guatemala. This included sets in a prison, a Catholic Church, and several schools. The teams made 320 contacts. They handed out 1,800 Four Spiritual Law Booklets, 1,500 flyers for the nightly crusade, and 500 addresses for churches. During the two-week stay it was estimated that 3,450 people watched the dramas from which 175 conversions and 30 rededications were recorded. The team also held a four-night crusade on the street. During this crusade Kelly Clarke (Youth Pastor), Steve Ely (Youth Pastor), Chris Williams, and Michael Sweeney preached. Both youth groups and churches were dramatically impacted by taking part in this trip. Friendships were made, lives were affected, and excitement was stirred. Both teams are planning to attack Atlanta during the Olympics in the summer of 1996.

Rev. Steve Ely, Youth Pastor
Greenville First Church

Departments of Evangelism and World F

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Directo

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is lit

1995 Summer Interns

1995 Summer Interns: L to R: 1st Row—Tim Costin, Tim Bowen, Ralph Suk. 2nd Row—David Bryan, Johnny Williams, Daniel Beard.

The North Carolina Conference had six summer interns this summer. Interns who work at least forty hours a week for eight weeks with a local church are supplemented by the N.C. Conference Evangelism Department $400.00. These interns did a great job. Their pastors and churches are to be commended for participating in this worthwhile project.

Tim Costin — Brother Costin is a member of the N.C. Conference and a senior at Holmes College of the Bible, Greenville, S.C. Tim served the Reelsboro Church as Assistant Pastor under Pastor McElree Purifoy.

Tim Bowen — Brother Bowen worked with the Bethany Church under Pastor Phillip Bland as Assistant Pastor. He is a member of the N.C. Conference and a senior at Holmes College of the Bible.

Ralph Suk — Brother Suk served with Pastor Lester Jarrett of the Ahoskie Church as Youth Pastor. He is a senior at Holmes College of the Bible.

David Bryan — David served as Youth Pastor of the Sanford First Church. He served with the Pastor Elton Bryan, his father. He is a sophomore at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia.

Johnny Williams — Brother Williams attended Emmanuel College last year and has transferred to East Carolina University this fall. He served at Kinston First this summer as Youth Pastor. He worked closely with Rev. Willis Pearson and Pastor Bobby Williams, his father.

Daniel Beard — Brother Beard graduated this spring at Emmanuel College. He plans to attend Regent University this fall at Virginia Beach, Virginia. He worked

this summ
with Pasto
The Eva
and help
Summer In

Presentl
for the Red
deadline to
In additio
Brother R
"God has a
needed. We
so we have
His will kn
Randy a
New York
should se
Johnson, F
the purcha
marked "R

Fall F.E.S

Fall Ralli

LIVE

Before
didn't ever
two team
Williams.

Russia SAM Team

Now they were going to be thrown together like a family for 24 days, almost a month. Yet, they experienced unity in the Spirit like they had never known before. Every day started out with individual quiet time and then broke for prayer and worship together. Wow! What a power there is in unity. They poured out their hearts to one another and to their team leaders, and the love of God bound them together.

They performed drama, testified and sang songs in Russian and English. They preached when they didn't know whether or not they were called to preach. They gave altar calls right in the streets, train stations, pavilions, and halls in three major Russian cities. And to their wonder and amazement hundreds of hands went up to accept this Jesus they talked about. At least 168 were gloriously delivered. One woman threw down her cane and walked away rejoicing. But most important of all, six young people's lives were changed forever.

That's what can happen when two team leaders take six young people to the mission field. All of them now want to give themselves to the ministry and more specifically to missions as God confirms His call on their lives. Pastors, it can happen to your young people! It can happen to you. A clarion call is going forth to Christians everywhere, "Go to all Nations and preach the Gospel." He didn't say wait until you go to Bible School or first get your minister's license. No! He said get endured with the power of the Holy Spirit. Then just get up and go!

Guatemala SAM Team

Where is your mission field? You can start with your neighborhood, your work place, the grocery store. You see when you really get FULL of the Holy Spirit, you'll want to spill over everywhere. God's not looking for special people to anoint with His power. He's looking for the obedient. If you will, He will. Just ask Gwen Downing (age 19, Oklahoma), Kent McHugh (age 20, Florida), Sonya Vance (age 15, North Carolina), Corrie Hill (age 20, Colorado), Robin Simmons (age 17, South Carolina), and Mark Carpenter (age 23, North Carolina).

Today the neighborhood. Tomorrow the world!

Rev. Deborah L. Williams
International Evangelist

Personal Ministry — Guatemala

Cutting Edge Ministry in Guatemala

Awesome! This is the word that best describes R.A.S.O.R.S. Youth Ministries (First Pentecostal in Greenville) and Youth & Co.'s (Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn) joint venture to Guatemala this summer. The two youth groups joined forces to form a SAM Team of twenty-three members ranging in age from 16 to 28. They went to Guatemala from July 10-24. The trip was a great success. The team was separated into 2 drama teams. The teams did 18 drama sets while they were in Guatemala. This included sets in a prison, a Catholic Church, and several schools. The teams made 320 contacts. They handed out 1,800 Four Spiritual Law Booklets, 1,500 flyers for the nightly crusade, and 500 addresses for churches. During the two-week stay it was estimated that 3,450 people watched the dramas from which 175 conversions and 30 rededications were recorded. The team also held a four-night crusade on the street. During this crusade Kelly Clarke (Youth Pastor), Steve Ely (Youth Pastor), Chris Williams, and Michael Sweeney preached. Both youth groups and churches were dramatically impacted by taking part in this trip. Friendships were made, lives were affected, and excitement was stirred. Both teams are planning to attack Atlanta during the Olympics in the summer of 1996.

Rev. Steve Ely, Youth Pastor
Greenville First Church

Available For Service

Roger Pettay

Roger Pettay is known as a dynamic speaker and effective communicator. His ministry has been enthusiastically received by both young and old.

Since August 1989, Roger has traveled extensively speaking in church crusades, camp meetings, youth camps, and on high school and college campuses.

In a time when some are heralding the extinction of the Biblical office of the evangelist, Roger and his precious wife Andrea are committed to boldly proclaim a message of salvation, hope, and encouragement to a nation and a world that desperately need to hear it.

Currently, Roger and Andrea make their home in Hutchinson, Kansas. He has ministered in several North Carolina Conference churches.

Roger is ordained with the International Pentecostal Holiness denomination.

Oops!

Rev. Deborah Williams' phone number was incorrectly listed in the North Carolina Conference Minutes. Please note the correct phone number: (910) 423-9999. Her address remains the same — 5136 Buckskin Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28306.

The Last Altar Call

My heart was pounding
nearly out of my chest.
The preacher's words moved me
yet scared me to death.

I had heard it before
yet this time was strange.
I felt the heat rising
heard Jesus calling my name.

The preacher said "Bow your heads";
eyes closed throughout the room.
I took this silent moment
to reflect on my gloom.

Then I suddenly felt my legs
pick me up from my seat.
I walked to the end of the pew
being carried by my feet.

As the altar got closer,
my heart began to ache.
I just burst into tears
and felt my whole body shake.

I fell to my knees
with humble disgrace.
The Spirit of God
filled the entire place.

There was crying and laughter
there were tongues and praising.
Our voices and hearts to
God we were raising.

Then a peace like no other
filled my hollow soul.
It was overflowed with joy
as Jesus took full control.

On that same glorious night
God parted the clouds above
And took me up to heaven
to live in His eternal love.

As I think back today
on that night long ago;
in a small country church,
sitting in the fifth row.

If I had not gone to the altar
and still had I died.
Would I be sitting here now
by Jesus' loving side?

So this is my prayer
to all those that fall–
Will you listen to Jesus
at your last altar call?

–Ms. Carla P. Manning

During Carla's high school years she served in the following areas:

Theater – 2 years
Advanced Theater – 1 year
Future Homemakers of America Club – 2 years (served as secretary)
Art – 1 year

The daughter of Glenda and David Barber, the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Keel, New Bern First Church.

Reminiscing of days gone by...

How many North Carolina Conference ministers do you recognize?

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—JULY 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Kinston First	673	----	281	----	321	226
The First	360	----	207	----	----	----
Mt Olive LD	309	----	181	----	100	90
Whitley	269	----	172	----	225	183
The Capital	350	----	171	----	140	174
Gospel Tabernacle	434	30	171	34	341	221
Stedman	268	----	159	----	265	129
Greenville First	236	----	153	----	135	95
Shiloh WD	277	50	145	50	176	87
Tarboro First	214	100	135	37	233	114
Robersonville	186	----	134	----	171	109
Mt. Carmel	329	----	130	----	180	101
Culbreth Memorial	207	25	123	21	172	134
Ebenezer	135	63	121	46	----	----
Harkers Island	127	----	114	----	----	----
Peniel	259	----	113	----	107	51
Bizzell Grove	160	40	109	33	85	48
St. Pauls	132	----	106	----	132	78
Lumberton	326	18	105	18	160	77
Clinton	145	----	100	----	83	98
Smyrna	119	----	99	----	71	76
Williamston	155	10	98	10	116	73
Brentwood	120	----	94	----	128	117
Millennium	178	----	93	----	90	43
Harvest Temple	177	----	91	----	109	48
Belfast	107	----	84	----	89	81
Wallace	186	----	82	----	67	58
Bethany	151	8	81	21	109	44
Hope Mills	150	30	78	26	80	38
St. Paul	139	----	76	----	40	24
Midway	141	31	74	25	81	41
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	73	----	101	12
Benson	143	22	70	43	50	43
Roper	114	----	69	----	101	51
St. John	135	----	69	----	34	46
Eastside	201	25	68	18	----	----
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	68	----	140	75
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	65	----	71	42
Brocks Chapel	156	----	63	----	91	35
Hollands Chapel	65	----	62	----	30	20
Selma	103	----	62	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	180	----	62	----	----	----
Bridgeton	75	----	62	----	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	62	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	60	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	102	----	60	----	72	39
Mount Olive	90	----	58	----	----	----
Wilson First	101	----	58	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	57	----	142	30
Ayden	56	----	56	----	----	----
Emmanuel	90	----	56	----	50	35
Sharon	99	----	55	----	43	19
Thompson Chapel	104	----	55	----	59	40
Shelmerdine	123	----	54	----	74	70
Tyndall Grove	85	----	53	----	24	17
Ahoskie	104	----	52	----	59	33
Shiloh FD	85	----	50	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	117	----	50	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	50	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	50	----	88	44
Liberty	44	----	49	----	----	----
Spring Home	59	----	48	----	54	52
Graham Memorial	100	----	48	----	54	28
Baywood	183	----	47	----	120	25
Maranatha	55	----	47	----	20	42
Boardman	287	----	46	----	205	20
Hopewell	40	----	46	----	----	----
Albritton	74	18	46	22	43	31
Hobgood	88	----	46	----	----	----
Highest Praise	185	----	46	----	118	57
Goshen	73	----	45	----	36	29
Thomas Chapel	127	----	44	----	66	17
New Vision	57	----	44	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	44	----	65	33
Hodges Chapel	79	----	42	----	----	----
Friendship WD	87	----	42	----	51	36
Living Waters	73	----	42	----	89	27
Trinity CD	130	----	42	----	55	30
Faith WD	64	212	42	208	----	----
Tabernacle	62	----	42	----	62	35
St. Matthew	73	----	41	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	89	----	41	----	----	----
Jones Grove	61	----	41	----	----	----
Jacksonville	72	----	40	----	58	41
Bethel	86	----	40	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	39	----	----	----
Faith GD	49	----	39	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	70	----	38	----	32	28
Manleys Grove	125	----	37	----	----	----
Lowland	38	----	36	----	28	22
Garland	61	----	35	----	----	----
Vanceboro	40	----	34	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	33	----	----	----
Calvary LD	31	----	33	----	----	----
New Covenant	38	----	33	----	26	25
Friendship NBD	52	----	33	----	27	18
Bailey	64	----	32	----	24	22
Sims	49	----	31	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	31	----	28	14
Shekinah	55	----	31	----	----	----
Snow Hill	139	----	31	----	----	----
Kenly	89	----	31	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	41	----	29	----	----	----
Albert	62	----	29	----	28	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	29	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	103	----	28	----	----	----
Independence	38	----	28	----	23	23
Heritage	59	----	28	----	72	38
Grifton	88	----	26	----	45	15
New Hope	34	----	26	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	44	----	23	----	19	11
Wades Point	41	----	23	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	22	----	30	12
Plymouth	26	----	22	---	20	20
Black Creek	51	----	22	----	----	----
Alliance	44	----	22	----	46	10
New Life	27	----	22	----	----	----
Christian Chapel	31	----	20	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	37	----	20	----	29	14
Clayton	53	----	19	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	63	----	18	----	----	----
New Creation	18	----	18	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	15	----	13	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Middlesex	17	----	13	----	----	----
Goose Creek	34	----	13	----	22	----
Sonlight	21	----	11	----	16	7
Windsor	13	----	10	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	8	----	----	----
Lighthouse	7	----	7	----	----	----
Total:	15,036	682	7,827	612	6,726	4,066
Average:	116	45	60	41	89	53
Count:	130	----	130	----	76	77

SEIZE THE FUTURE

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
IN YOUTH MINISTRY
IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

1996 CE CONVENTION

January 12-13
The First PHC • Goldsboro, NC

SPECIAL YOUTH RALLY ON FRIDAY NIGHT!

Registration: $5.00 per person

Evangel (ISSN: 1080-921X)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C281.4
P42c

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 NOVEMBER 1995 NUMBER 11

LET US GIVE THANKS

Because we've become so busy and wrapped up in our lives, we tend to take for granted the many gifts the Lord has given us. This Thanksgiving take a moment to give thanks for our bountiful blessings.

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

RAMBLING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 107:1).

So often we are prone to take the blessings of our Lord for granted. This should not be. I think it was Fulton Oursler who termed "Thanksgiving," thanksliving. We do not need to wait for a national or denominational call to thanksgiving, but we must each live in a plain and sincere "thank you" mode.

We need to thank our Lord for the simple things, things we apt to take for granted. For instance we should praise Him for **life.** Many volumes have been written regarding the lives of people. What is this mysterious beautiful thing we call life? It is **God-given!** It is of Him and comes through and by Him.

Thank God for the **five-senses.** Let us praise Him for the blessing of **sight.** Beautiful music, the voice of a fellow being, the laughter of one who is merry and the cooing of a baby are simple, yet sublime treasures of the joy of **hearing.** The cry of one in distress, the whimper of small animals, and the clap of loud thunder join the blessed orchestra of sound that opens our hearts and minds to so much our habitat has to offer.

Praise God for the opportunity and facilities to **think, remember** and to **speak.** Life's so full of the cup of blessing. Its benefits are so numberless, yet so pronounced.

Have you paused to thank the Lord for the opportunity and privilege to **labor** and **work?** Mind, muscle, bones and blood are only a few of the components with which the Lord has gifted us to enable us to enjoy this blessings. We live in a day of increasing emphasis on leisure instead of work. Ask your heart would I exchange my health, strength and ability to preform my job for all the gold and silver in existence? I believe the answer will be resounding, "no"!

Rest and **sleep** are blessings which must not be taken lightly. Relaxation in the "Lazy Boy" or a refreshing hot shower after a full day's work is a balm of healing. Nothing is more treasured than a natural and peaceful night of sleep; a comfortable bed and pillow are grand companions. Yet many dear souls in our world don't have this delightful blessing. Praise God if you can rest and sleep. The flowered petals on our eyelids in sleep are a treasure indeed, Again, **"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good."**

WORLD CONFERENCE OF PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCHES

September 10 and 11 climaxed the trip to Israel with the General Board of Administration meeting and the second World Conference of Pentecostal Holiness Churches. About 420 people from this church gathered from the various continents where we have presence. Target 2,000 was re-emphasized as we listened to and rejoiced with the various representatives reporting on the blessings of the Lord in His Harvest Field.

This Church is growing! Over the past five years we have experienced a 30% growth in North America, 15% increase in Latin America, 120% increase in Africa, 145% increase in Europe, and the Middle East and a tremendous 500% increase In Asia! To God be the glory! IPHC Ministries now number, including affiliate members, 2.3 million around the globe.

In order for us to meet our projected Faith Goal for Target 2,000 every pastor and church must be involved. We need to look at everything we do in church and as a result of church emphases and activities and ask ourselves these questions: Is this helping us in our witness? Are we reaching out or are we an inward-reaching church?

The bottom line—everything we do must be to touch lives with the witness of salvation.

Some of 48 people from the North Carolina Conference in attendance.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Godwin-Rice Unite In Marriage

Dorcas Joanna Godwin and Todd Hamilton Rice announce their marriage Saturday, September 23, 1995, at Dome Rock in Tulare County, California.

The bride is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. T. H. Godwin who reside in Wilson, North Carolina, since retiring after serving 44 years as a minister in the North Carolina Conference.

Joanna [who has also been known to many as Dorcas] was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and grew up in North Carolina during her father's years of pastoring churches, including Vanceboro, Millennium, Rocky Mount, Sanford, New Bern, and Roanoke Rapids. She attended New Bern High School, graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School in 1969 and attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro 1969-1974, afterwards serving as Artist-in-Residence for Rutherford County Schools in North Carolina. She has lived in Los Angeles, California, since 1979.

The groom was born in Pasadena, California, and is the son of Marilynne Rice Nyberg of Pasadena, California, and the late Theodore Albert Rice of Massachusetts. He is a 1974 graduate of Blair School in Pasadena and works as a printer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice live at 125 South San Marino Avenue, Pasadena, California 91107.

Superannuated Birthdays for November

Rev. C. E. Hester	November 14
Rev. Ralph Lambert	November 23
Rev. J. Everett Eatmon	November 26
Rev. W. O. Foreman	November 26
Rev. Wiley D. Vick	November 29

Vicks Chapel Church News

On September 29, Vicks Chapel gave a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Barefoot, honoring them with a trophy and a laundry basket filled with wrapped gifts and a decorated cake. An article and picture were placed in the local newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot, (a couple in their seventies) do not attend Vicks Chapel on a regular basis, but they have a special place in their heart for the church and the people there. Vicks Chapel is a small church, and in the winter of '94 they had considered closing the doors.

The attendance was so low and the funds were exhausted. The people there began to ask God for His mighty help. Weekly they saw Him answer in such marvelous ways. The doors remained open, and God is blessing Vicks Chapel.

Mr. Barefoot saw the need to assist in maintaining the grounds and offered to keep the grass mowed. Not only did he mow the grass, he did trim work and some weeks mowed the grass twice. He would not accept pay for his work. This was his gift to God.

Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot donated money to have the pews padded in the church. They also donated items for two yard sales to help this little struggling church.

Praise God for people like these precious ones. Praise Him for answering many prayers and caring for His own.

Rev. S. W. Webb is the pastor.

JERRY GOFF
"Mr. Gospel Trumpet"

WILL PRESENT AN EXCITING CHRISTIAN MUSICAL PROGRAM AT

First Pentecostal Holiness Church
1000 North Haughton Street
Williamston, North Carolina

Tuesday, November 14, 1995,
7:30 p.m.

All seats are free and no reservations are necessary; however, it is requested that you bring a can of Campbell's soup for the Falcon Children's Home Harvest Train.

KEITH O'NEAL "BIG O"
A Missionary To Youth Culture

will conduct a

FAMILY REVIVAL

at the

First Pentecostal Holiness Church
1000 North Haughton Street
Williamston, North Carolina

November 16-19, 1995

Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10:55 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Pastor W. A. Mills and Congregation Invite You To Attend!

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS, AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN!

The Psalmist in his 107th chapter laments the fact that, after all God has done for individuals and nations, people are not thankful and not willing to praise the Lord for His blessings to them. He speaks of those who had been in exile, in darkness, in the shadow of death, in the storms of life, hungry and oppressed. He reminds them that God has delivered them, and he longs for them to praise the Lord for His goodness to them.

These writings penned so long ago are as current as today's date! We, too, face darkness in an evil world. We face the shadow of death through sickness and sin. We face the storms of life through the darts of trouble which the enemy of our souls shoots at us. We are sometimes hungry for what we do not have. We find ourselves oppressed by busy schedules, demands of others, and even by our own doings many times. Yet, the Lord delivers us. We can say as Paul said, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." In the daily experiences of our lives, we experience the delivering hand of God. He loads us with benefits.

OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS, AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN!

How often do we find ourselves griping and complaining about our situations. Why is it that the news media picks up on the teenager who is in trouble and fails to spotlight the one who is achieving positively? Why is is that we look at the weak traits in individuals and fail to notice their strengths? Why do we seemingly insist on turning our faces to the shadows?

We tend to think the worst when the doctor gives us a questionable test result. We tend to choose to believe the worst when suspicion arises about our fellowman. We tend not to appreciate the blessings we enjoy as a nation and forever expect more.

I believe the heart of God is crying out to us today to consider His goodness and His wonderful works to us. I believe He is desiring us to stop living in the mully-grubs. In my spirit, I can hear Him challenging us to lift up our eyes to the hills from whence cometh our help. For the Lord, who made heaven and earth, will not suffer our feet to slip from under us. He does not sleep on the job. He is our keeper. He preserves our soul. He has and will preserve us from evil. He sees our going out and our coming in — forevermore!

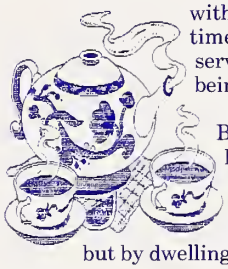
In this Thanksgiving season, let us determine in our hearts to heed the cry of the psalmist and to make it a daily practice to speak and live in such a manner that those who are in our presence can hear and see that we appreciate the blessings of God in our lives.

OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS, AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN!

Tea Time With Jesus...

Have you taken the time lately to spend some quality time with the Lord? Is this a part of your daily routine? Or have you, like many of us, gotten so busy that you just can't seem to squeeze it in? Those of us who attended the Raleigh District WM Rally received instruction, not in squeezing it in , but in making that time with God THE special part of our day...

"Tea Time with Jesus" is the program of ministry presented by Mary Belle Johnson at the rally on September 9th at The Capital Church in Garner. The program fit in perfectly with the district theme of "Serving with Gladness." We were reminded that spending time alone with Jesus is a way in which we can serve Him with gladness; with an added bonus of being served in return.,



Armed with a number of special tools, Mary Belle gave us step-by-step recommendations on how to make each facet of this time meaningful, memorable and uplifting. The importance of this was brought home to us as she reminded us, "We are not empowered by working for God, but by dwelling in His presence."

Meshelder Richardson
District Director, Raleigh District

GEMS & WM Hat Fashions...

The Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries meeting for August 1995 was a very special occasion. Pastor Raymond Whitehurst presented the devotion from the book of Ruth and shared the beautiful example of how Ruth chose to follow Naomi and to accept her people and her God. The focus of his message was making the right choice. He challenged all to lead others to the choice of Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Following the devotion, the GEMS and WM ladies presented a "Hat Fashion Show." The girls and ladies designed and modeled their hats which were fit for many occasions. Whether Light of the World, Kitchen Maid, Market Shopper, Memorabilia, Salvation's Plan, Coil Spring, Cleaning Maid, Exotic Strolling, Cascading Ribbons or Purity & Sweet — each hat was special.

Anna Nehring models her original "Salvation's Plan" hat.

Delicious refreshments were served to complete an inspirational, exciting and enjoyable evening for all. This change-of-pace meeting was a pleasure to everyone. From planning to designing and modeling, this meeting created much interest and was a fun event.

(Mrs. Ruth Foley shared this account with us. If your WM has creative WM meetings, please share them with us. We will feature them so that others may share your ideas.)

Feast of Ingathering...

The gymnasium at Emmanuel College was the setting for the Feast of Ingathering on Monday, October 2, 1995. Anticipation mounted as the audience waited for the roll call of Conference Women's Ministries Presidents and the monetary gifts that were to be presented.

Shining brighter than the gifts of money were the faces of the students there who represented the North Carolina Conference. As the recipients of the Women's Ministries scholarships were called forward, we were delighted that four of the nine were from our conference. In order to qualify for these scholarships, one must have an S.A.T. score of 1100 or above and a G.P.A. of 3.0 or above. Jennifer Antrim of Newport, David Strickland of Stedman, Kay DeBoe of Raleigh, and Carolina Mashburn of Morehead City are recipients of WM scholarships. We were also very proud as two of them, David and Kay, were chosen from the group by Dr. Hopkins to speak to the guests in appreciation for the scholarships.

Following the program, we enjoyed a short visit with all the North Carolina conference students and presented them with a small gift from NCWM.

On Tuesday morning, we made a visit to Holmes College of the Bible for the Love Feast there. Students there gave a drama presentation after which monetary gifts were presented to the school. We were blessed to visit there with our North Carolina conference students and also present them a gift.

Our students at both schools seemed so appreciative to be remembered by you, and we assured them of our prayerful support.

You were most faithful in your giving again this year, and I thank you sincerely for pressing on toward the goal and helping us achieve it. God will reward each of you as you work to promote His kingdom. Each dollar that we invest in our young people in these schools will come back to bless us many fold as they and future generations continue to carry the gospel around the world.

Phyllis Harrell, NCWM Board Member
Feast of Ingathering Promoter

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE FEAST!!!

Emmanuel.....$56,357.74
Holmes.....$15,424.85
Total $71,782.59

Notes From Emmanuel Students...

Growing up in a Christian home, I had the privilege of being brought up in church and have had Christian principles instilled in me since birth. But, Emmanuel has provided me with a unique opportunity in that the environment has prodded me to re-evaluate and refine my beliefs and to stand on my own two spiritual feet. I thank the Women's Ministries for their support of the college. I can speak for myself and others in saying that "the Emmanuel experience" lays a foundation of academic and spiritual maturity which will remain with us throughout our entire lives. *KAY DE BOE*

The very first week that I came to Emmanuel College I knew what I had heard was true. "God With Us" was definitely appropriate for this college. God has touched my life in a way I had never imagined possible. This year has been full of highlights and high points. The Feast of Ingathering is just one of the great things going on here on the Emmanuel College campus. I know I am in store for much more fun and a continued closer walk with God. *DAVID STRICKLAND*

I have grown tremendously spiritually, emotionally and socially because of Emmanuel College. It has been an experience that has changed my life 100%. I appreciate the Women's Ministries and their time and support which they so willingly give to this college and to the students. Thank you very much! *PAUL D. CLAWSON*

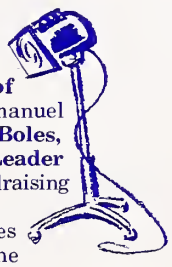
The Women's Ministries has served as a constant encouragement the past four years. Their monetary contributions do go a long way toward the development of student facilities; but to know that strong, believing women all over the conference are constantly praying for my welfare is humbling, if not mind-boggling. Thanks. *RAY MOORE, JR.*

Emmanuel has been a wonderful experience — one that I will never forget. Not only have I grown physically, but I have grown spiritually and emotionally as well. I really appreciate the Women's Ministries and all of their time and prayers they give to the students at Emmanuel College. So from all of us, I say thank you. *ALLISON BARTS*

The past year and a half at Emmanuel has been wonderful. I have really enjoyed the Christian atmosphere and the academic life. I really appreciate the support Emmanuel College gets from the Women's Ministries.

JOANNA STRICKLAND

Spotlight on Kinston First...



(Circle #3 of the Kinston First Church Women's Ministries tops the list as the largest contributor to Emmanuel College for Feast of Ingathering. Their group gave $10,000.00 to Emmanuel and $1,000.00 to Holmes College of the Bible. **Sonda Boles, Vice President of Kinston First WM and Circle Leader for Circle #3,** shares with us her experiences in fundraising for Feast of Ingathering.)

About 10 years ago our WM decided to form circles with each circle having a chosen ministry and the women being able to join the ministry group of their choice. We have six circles, of which Christian Schools is Circle #3. Being a "preacher's kid," I had been involved with WM most of my life and was asked to lead this group. My first thought was "NO" ... "I'm too busy" ... but I consented to prayerfully consider this position for a few days. After much thought and prayer, the Lord gave me a burden for this ministry, and I asked Him to place this burden on the hearts of women who would willingly work with me. We founded this group with spiritual meetings, sharing from the heart, carrying our needs to the Lord, and receiving answers to our prayers. I could not begin to tell you how many prayers God has answered from the scribbled little notes stuffed into our prayer box over the years. Every month someone has a praise report about a request placed in the box ... sometimes months, even years before. Often prayers are answered before we leave the meeting. We have learned to put Him first, and He adds the bounty to our efforts. We have increased in number from 12 to 48 members and have more than quintupled our giving.

We have one fund-raiser each year. For the past six years, we have made 1/2 lb. chocolate covered peanut butter Easter Eggs. Each circle member takes order at work, church or anywhere she can sell an egg. We personalize each egg and package them in pretty Easter boxes. This year we added coconut eggs, and they were a huge success. This process takes us four days (and nights!!). We make this week not just work, but fellowship and fun. We involved our husbands too. Those guys can really make eggs! It is the perfect way to get new members involved, get to know them and their husbands, and let them meet all of us. Some of our ladies make us chicken and pastry, homemade soup, chicken salad, etc., so we can stay at it for twelve to fifteen hours straight. This year we made **2400 EGGS!** That translates to 600 pounds of powered sugar! This generates over $8,000 with $6,000 profit. we S-T-R-E-T-C-H our moneys with Matching Funds. This is a program where companies will match money given to schools for education. Our offering this year was **$11,000.** Over the past ten years our circle has given **$57,600.00** to Feast of Ingathering Offerings. In addition, we give a scholarship every year to each young person from our church who attends our church schools. To God be the glory!

My husband and I both graduated from Emmanuel College, so it is with pleasure that I lead a group of women who can make a substantial financial contribution to our church schools. We are already looking ahead to '96 and have plans in the making to top our '95 offering. With God's help, anything is possible. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Philippians 4:13.

Wonder where the bunnies are who laid these Easter Eggs? Pictured here are a few of the 2400 Easter Eggs which were made by Circle #3 of the Kingston First WM to raise money for the 1995 Feast of Ingathering.

Congratulations To ...

The Trenton Women's Ministries has increased in membership from 19members to 26 members in the past six months. Joyce Wyatt, wife of Pastor I. C. Wyatt, is the president of this group. We praise God for the revival spirit and the growth this church and WM is experiencing.

A Cleaning Tip ...

After all the Thanksgiving cooking, the oven will probably need cleaning. Try this tip. Place a pan of water with a couple of drops of vinegar in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes. Steam loosens layers of grease which will generally rise from the surface to make oven cleaning just a matter of wiping clean.

Leadership Seminar ...

January 7, 1996, is the day! Whitley P.H. Church is the place! "Serving With Joy" is the theme! All WM officers, council members and pastor's wives are encouraged to reserve this day and plan to be a part of this special day of leadership training.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

A Well-Balanced World Missions Program

The question is often asked in what areas of the world missions should a church participate. There are so many needs and so many open doors. The N.C. Conference World Missions Staff and Committee have developed what they feel is a "balanced" approach to World Missions. It is called the "Seven Star World Mission Recognition System."

As a church participates in these seven areas, a star is awarded for recognition. This is on an annual basis. In 1994 (under the old 5-Star System) some seventy-five N.C. Conference churches earned the top number of stars. This is a phenomenal achievement.

The year is quickly coming to an end. Churches still have an opportunity to increase their earned stars for 1995. However, time is swiftly passing by. Below is a brief description of each star.

STAR #1 – Monthly Missions Offerings

A church would receive a monthly world missions offering. People will give if they are given the opportunity to give. Many churches have a designated Sunday to receive the offering. The Local Missions Director *or* Pastor will give a short report followed by the reception of the offering. People give more when they are properly informed and when they give consistently over a period of time.

STAR #2 – Support a Missionary

It is one thing to give to "missions." It is another thing altogether when a person supports *a* missionary – a flesh and blood person. This support is not only financial but involves prayer. Most missionaries regularly communicate with their local supporters. Such communication enhances the overall missions program and thereby builds the kingdom of God.

STAR #3 – Global Outreach "GO" Offering

Churches participate by giving an offering to the summer Global Outreach Offering. This is such a critical offering to World Missions and Evangelism USA. Seventy-five percent is used for World Missions and twenty-five percent for Evangelism USA. The offering is used to plant new churches, underwrite existing missionaries, promotional costs, and other "special" missions projects. It is the only available discretionary funds for World Missions to go into new fields. Remember, designated World Missions Funds are used for the purpose that they are given.

STAR #4 – Support People to People

Children around the world are in crisis! There are more children in the world today than ever before. It is a known fact that more people are saved as children than adults.

Churches earn a star by just contributing to this special fund. People to People feeds and clothes children, feeds the hungry, and is used in World disaster relief (not U.S.A.). Churches and/or individuals may support an individual child by giving $18.00 per month. This amount gives a child at least one hot meal a day, clothes, and some medical attention where available.

STAR #5 – Have a Local World Missions Director and/or Attend District and Conference Missions Training Events

Presently ninety-seven churches in the Conference have a local missions director. Those men and women are invaluable in supporting and developing the cause of world missions on the local level. They are placed on a mailing list where they receive periodic information from the Conference Missions Office. In many cases they have a local missions task force that serves with them.

A church earns this star of achievement by having a local director and turning in the name to the Conference Office. Another way to qualify for this star is for the pastor or church representative to attend a district or Conference Missions Training function. The Department is regularly offering district rallies, F.E.S.T.s, or other training events to enhance the cause of World Missions.

STAR #6 – Support a Church Planting Project (or Planter) in the U.S.A. or Mission Field

Church planting is crucial to the expansion of the Gospel. Churches may earn this star by making financial commitments (one time or regularly) to any church planting project in the Conference, U.S.A., or mission field. By joining the Conference Church Planter's Fellowship, one would qualify.

A present very critical project is the Red Hook Building Project in New York City. Randy and Ruth Johnson have worked faithfully to plant a church in New York. The church is now organized and buying their first building – an old Episcopal Church. Some $150,000.00 has been given and/or pledged. Another $50,000.00 is needed. Any size offering to this project would earn a star.

STAR #7 – Support a "Special" World Missions Project

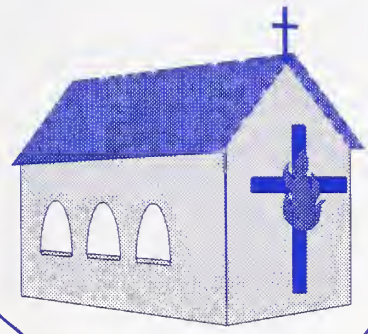
On every mission field there are needs for special funds such as national worker training, church buildings, literature, medical, etc. The support of any of these approved projects would qualify for a star. One should contact the Conference Office to see if a project is approved.

Presently the Conference is raising funds to replace the roof at the Conference Missions Apartment in Falcon, $7,500.00 is still needed. Support of this project would qualify.

The African Advance training program needs funds. In addition, church buildings are needed in Pakistan and Vietnam.

The immediate goal is to have one hundred churches as 7-STAR churches. It is an attainable goal. May the Lord bring it to pass. Those desiring further information should contact the Conference Office.

CH
ER'S
'SHIP



RUM

the N.C.
ıt year of
e started.
Finances
lt. World
r the first
in of five
en of the
ɜr twelve
Fourteen
%. Thirty
›, but less

ls are yet
hes. New
l. Ninety-
ɛty-seven
› in 1994.
ıre their
egained.
focus the
lant new
employed
sts (N.C.
›nference.
financial
churches.
ɜvents for
ference in
boomers
ı to these
ın.
monthly
s for the
ilding the
here is an
ɜntation,
:. Various
worship,
g, church

Ministers
redits per
rs commit

The first meeting was held in Falcon on Thursday night, September 28. Some twelve pastors have signed up presently for the forum. The forum is off to an excellent beginning. The presence of the Lord was powerful in this first meeting.

The second meeting is to be held at the Robersonville Church on Thursday night, October 26. The focus of this meeting will be "Vision." Pastor Noah Barefoot and his staff will discuss with the group how the Lord blessed there and how the church was revitalized.

The forum meetings will not be held in just one place. They will be held in various places across the Conference. Those desiring to participate should contact Director Thompson at the Conference Office.

Future dates of the forum are November 16, January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, and August 13. These dates are subject to change. The places will be announced as the year progresses.

The Lord desires every soul in N.C. to be saved. He will work through existing churches, if His people will allow Him. He will build **His** Church.

Fall Itinerating Missionaries

Elizabeth (Betty) Rogers 910-980-1419
P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342

David & Twila Sasser 919-242-6141
2974 NC 581N, Fremont, NC 27830

Ed & Judy Sauvageau 910-592-1327
295 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC 28328

Mike and Christy Via 910-814-3747
Route 4, Box 91B, Lillington, NC 27546

S.O.W.
Larry Faulkner 205-951-2930
1317 MaCoy St., Birmingham, AL 35210

FRONTIERS
Scott & Athena O'Connor 919-772-6521
1101 Markay Circle, Raleigh, NC 27603

Departments of Evangelism and World

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Direct

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is li

A Well-Balanced World Missions Program

The question is often asked in what areas of the world missions should a church participate. There are so many needs and so many open doors. The N.C. Conference World Missions Staff and Committee have developed what they feel is a "balanced" approach to World Missions. It is called the "Seven Star World Mission Recognition System."

As a church participates in these seven areas, a star is awarded for recognition. This is on an annual basis. In 1994 (under the old 5-Star System) some seventy-five N.C. Conference churches earned the top number of stars. This is a phenomenal achievement.

The year is quickly coming to an end. Churches still have an opportunity to increase their earned stars for 1995. However, time is swiftly passing by. Below is a brief description of each star.

STAR #1 – Monthly Missions Offerings

A church would receive a monthly world missions offering. People will give if they are given the opportunity to give. Many churches have a designated Sunday to receive the offering. The Local Missions Director *or* Pastor will give a short report followed by the reception of the offering. People give more when they are properly informed and when they give consistently over a period of time.

STAR #2 – Support a Missionary

It is one thing to give to "missions." It is another thing altogether when a person supports *a* missionary – a flesh and blood person. This support is not only financial but involves prayer. Most missionaries regularly communicate with their local supporters. Such communication enhances the overall missions program and thereby builds the kingdom of God.

STAR #3 – Global Outreach "GO" Offering

Churches participate by giving an offering to the summer Global Outreach Offering. This is critical offering to World Missic Evangelism USA. Seventy-five is used for World Missior twenty-five percent for Evan USA. The offering is used to pla churches, underwrite e missionaries, promotional cos other "special" missions project the only available discretionar for World Missions to go in fields. Remember, designated Missions Funds are used f purpose that they are given.

STAR #4 – Support Peo People

Children around the world crisis! There are more children world today than ever before. known fact that more people ar as children than adults.

Churches earn a star b contributing to this specia People to People feeds and children, feeds the hungry, and in World disaster relief (not U Churches and/or individua support an individual child by $18.00 per month. This amour a child at least one hot meal clothes, and some medical at where available.

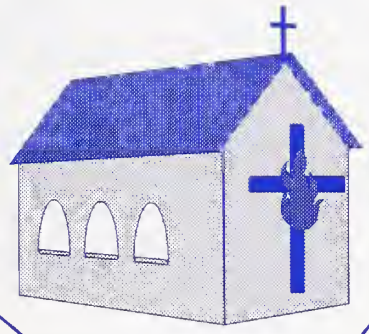
STAR #5 – Have a Local Missions Director and/or District and Conference M Training Events

Presently ninety-seven chu the Conference have a local m director. Those men and won invaluable in supportin developing the cause of missions on the local level. T placed on a mailing list whe receive periodic information f Conference Missions Office. I cases they have a local missio force that serves with them.

A church earns this s achievement by having a director and turning in the n the Conference Office. Another qualify for this star is for the p church representative to at district or Conference M

A NEW PROGRAM

CHURCH PLANTER'S FELLOWSHIP



CHURCH REVITALIZATION FORUM

The Lord has blessed the churches of the N.C. Conference. Nineteen ninety-four was a great year of ministry in so many ways. New churches were started. Many were won to the Lord and discipled. Finances increased. New ministry centers were built. World Missions giving exceeded the $700,000 mark for the first time. In 1994 the Conference had a net gain of five hundred eighty-four new members. Fourteen of the churches doubled their membership. Another twelve grew more than 50% in their membership. Fourteen churches grew more than 25%, but less than 50%. Thirty one churches had a net increase of membership, but less than 25%. Praise the Lord for these increases.

There is still much to be done. Many souls are yet unevangelized. Sinners surround the churches. New ethnic groups are moving in and are unreached. Ninety-two of the Conference one hundred and sixty-seven churches had no **net** increases in membership in 1994. Revival is needed! Churches must recapture their purpose. A sense of vision and mission must be regained.

The N.C. Evangelism Department has as its focus the revitalization of existing churches and to plant new churches. Several strategies and methods are employed toward this goal. Several faithful evangelists (N.C. Conference and others) minister across the Conference. The Church Planter's Fellowship (prayer and financial support organizations) have begun to plant new churches. Each of the twelve districts sponsor training events for laity and clergy. Elmer Towns will be in the Conference in 1996, offering training on reaching the baby boomers (April 27, June 1, and August 17). In addition to these methods, a Church Revitalization Form has begun.

The Church Revitalization Forum is a monthly meeting of pastors and key church leaders for the purpose of revitalizing existing churches and building the kingdom of God. During each of the meetings, there is an intensive time of prayer, discussion, presentation, sharing, etc. A theme is set for each meeting. Various topics will be discussed such as vision, worship, leadership, evangelism, lay ministry, discipling, church programs, etc.

There is no registration fee for the forum. Ministers receive two hours of Continuing Education Credits per meeting. It is preferred that churches and pastors commit to a year of meetings (nine in number).

The first meeting was held in Falcon on Thursday night, September 28. Some twelve pastors have signed up presently for the forum. The forum is off to an excellent beginning. The presence of the Lord was powerful in this first meeting.

The second meeting is to be held at the Robersonville Church on Thursday night, October 26. The focus of this meeting will be "Vision." Pastor Noah Barefoot and his staff will discuss with the group how the Lord blessed there and how the church was revitalized.

The forum meetings will not be held in just one place. They will be held in various places across the Conference. Those desiring to participate should contact Director Thompson at the Conference Office.

Future dates of the forum are November 16, January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, and August 13. These dates are subject to change. The places will be announced as the year progresses.

The Lord desires every soul in N.C. to be saved. He will work through existing churches, if His people will allow Him. He will build **His** Church.

FALL ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Elizabeth (Betty) Rogers 910-980-1419
P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342

David & Twila Sasser 919-242-6141
2974 NC 581N, Fremont, NC 27830

Ed & Judy Sauvageau 910-592-1327
295 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC 28328

Mike and Christy Via 910-814-3747
Route 4, Box 91B, Lillington, NC 27546

S.O.W.
Larry Faulkner 205-951-2930
1317 MaCoy St., Birmingham, AL 35210

FRONTIERS
Scott & Athena O'Connor 919-772-6521
1101 Markay Circle, Raleigh, NC 27603

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RALPH W. ARNOLD

CHAPLAIN CORPS

UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

For outstanding meritorious service while assigned as Director of Pastoral Services, Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, from July 1993 to July 1995. Chaplain Arnold's determined and decisive leadership provided the spiritual, religious, moral, corporate, and personal well being for all members of the Camp Lejeune community. As a vital member of the Alcohol Rehabilitation Departments Treatment Team, he benchmarked and greatly enhanced pastoral care and counsel by being the first of 26 Directors of Pastoral Care at Naval Medical facilities to implement a state of the art computerized " Spiritual Needs Assessment" program.He also served as an integral member of the model Process Action Team on "Threatened Miscarriages" that was selected to brief the JCAHO based on its innovative approach to miscarriage patient care. In addition, Chaplain Arnold personally responded to numerous after-hour calls to the ICU and ER. His professional and pastoral demeanor provided greatly appreciated assistance to the stressed patients, families and staff during these innumerable events. Lieutenant Commander Arnold's distinctive accomplishments and impressive devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself, the Navy Chaplain Corps, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of United States Naval Service.

For the President,

R.B. Johnston
R.B. JOHNSTON
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic

Congratulations to Chaplain Arnold

He is an ordained minister of the North Carolina Conference. He and his family are stationed at Camp Lejeune and are actively involved in the ministry of the Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

HUGS

It's wondrous what a hug can do.
A hug can cheer when you're blue.
A hug can say, "I love you so," or,
"Oh, I hate to see you go!"

A hug is "Welcome Back again!"
"Great to see you!" or "Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.

The hug! There's just no doubt about it,
We scarcely could survive without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for fathers and mothers.
Sweet for sister, swell for brothers.
The chances are some favorite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break the language barrier,
And make the dullest day seem merrier.

No need to fret about the store of 'em,
The more you give, the more there are of 'em,
So stretch those arms without delay
And give someone a hug today.

Author Unknown

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

TO

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RALPH W. ARNOLD, UNITED STATES NAVY

FOR

OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM JULY 1993 TO JULY 1995

GIVEN THIS 25th DAY OF May 19 95

R.B. Johnston
R.B. JOHNSTON
LTGEN, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDER, U. S. MARFORLANT

OPNAV 1650-13 (3-90)

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—AUGUST 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Glad Tidings	400	----	397	----	180	218
Kinston First	674	----	296	----	321	232
The First	360	----	200	----	----	----
Whitley	269	----	182	----	225	216
Gospel Tabernacle	422	30	170	41	341	231
Stedman	268	----	154	----	265	149
Shiloh WD	277	55	147	55	176	91
Tarboro First	214	100	144	34	233	123
Robersonville	187	----	137	----	173	110
Mt. Carmel	329	----	136	----	180	117
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	132	18	172	128
Lumberton	326	18	120	15	140	89
Pine Level	202	----	120	----	34	17
Harkers Island	127	----	119	----	----	----
St. Pauls	132	----	117	----	132	88
Clinton	100	----	113	----	98	110
Bizzell Grove	160	40	113	29	85	47
Williamston	155	10	104	10	116	86
Peniel	259	----	104	----	107	54
Evangel	419	12	100	20	234	96
Smyrna	119	----	99	----	71	65
Brentwood	125	----	98	----	135	124
Belfast	107	----	93	----	89	79
Pikes Crossroads	199	----	93	----	145	67
Harvest Temple	174	65	89	47	109	50
Wallace	186	----	87	----	67	82
Eastside	201	25	85	18	----	----
Bethany	151	8	84	21	109	50
Hope Mills	150	30	83	31	80	32
Benson	143	22	80	43	50	46
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	80	----	100	66
Midway	141	31	75	24	81	36
Baywood	183	----	67	----	120	36
Wilson First	112	----	65	----	----	----
Roanoke Rapids	260	95	65	95	101	11
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	65	----	140	72
Rehoboth	137	----	64	----	60	----
Roper	114	----	63	----	101	52
Moores Chapel	104	----	62	----	72	51
Mount Olive	90	----	62	----	----	----
St. John	135	----	62	----	34	43
Brocks Chapel	156	----	61	----	91	41
Shelmerdine	120	----	60	----	74	81
Ebenezer	135	63	60	46	121	50
Carson Memorial	78	----	59	----	65	70
Hollands Chapel	65	----	59	----	30	28
Bridgeton	75	----	58	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	58	----	59	40
Ayden	56	----	57	----	----	----
Sharon	99	----	57	----	43	18
Liberty	44	----	56	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	55	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	53	----	49	39
Taylors Chapel	117	----	53	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	52	----	142	27
Tyndall Grove	85	----	52	----	24	15
Aberdeen	82	----	52	----	57	31
Emmanuel	90	----	51	----	50	37
Stantonsburg	180	----	49	----	----	----
Tabernacle	62	----	48	----	62	41
Ahoskie	104	----	48	----	59	31
Graham Memorial	100	----	48	----	54	28
Thunderswamp	102	----	47	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	79	----	47	----	----	----
Selma	108	----	47	---	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	47	----	55	32
Elizabethtown	70	10	47	9	----	----
Westview	112	----	46	----	88	46

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Hobgood	88	----	45	----	----	----
Goshen	73	----	45	----	36	27
Thomas Chapel	127	----	45	----	66	21
Manleys Grove	124	----	45	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	45	----	----	----
Albritton	74	18	44	21	43	31
Trinity RMD	89	----	44	----	----	----
Boardman	290	----	43	----	205	22
Maranatha	55	----	43	----	20	52
Jones Grove	61	----	43	----	----	----
New Vision	57	----	42	----	----	----
Warsaw	67	----	41	----	40	15
Living Waters	73	----	41	----	89	26
Hopewell	40	----	39	----	----	----
Faith WD	64	241	39	241	----	----
Kenly	89	----	39	----	----	----
Friendship WD	87	----	39	----	51	33
Independence	42	----	38	----	23	23
Scotland Neck	70	72	37	65	32	27
Heritage	59	----	37	----	72	35
Westmoreland	113	26	37	21	69	24
Garland	61	----	36	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	36	----	----	----
Calvary LD	31	----	36	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	35	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	34	----	----	----
New Covenant	38	----	33	----	27	24
Vanceboro	40	----	33	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	32	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	32	----	28	16
Lyon Memorial	85	----	31	----	----	----
Faith GD	49	----	30	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	30	----	27	26
Lowland	38	----	29	----	28	23
Vaughns Chapel	103	----	29	----	----	----
Bailey	64	----	29	----	24	19
Black Creek	53	----	28	----	----	----
Shekinah	55	----	27	----	17	14
Abbottsburg	41	----	26	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	37	----	25	----	29	16
New Hope	34	----	24	----	----	----
Wades Point	41	----	23	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	22	----	30	14
Grifton	88	----	20	----	45	15
New Life	27	----	20	----	----	----
Plymouth	27	----	20	----	20	18
Alert	62	----	20	----	28	----
Alliance	44	----	18	----	46	9
Clayton	51	----	18	----	----	----
New Creation	15	----	18	----	----	----
Middlesex	16	----	17	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	44	----	17	----	19	12
Vicks Chapel	22	----	15	----	----	----
Goose Creek	34	----	14	----	22	9
Sonlight	21	----	12	----	16	6
Crystal Coast	36	----	10	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	10	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	----
Micro	20	----	9	----	----	----
Lighthouse	7	----	7	----	----	----
Winter Park	----	----	----	----	----	----
Hubert (CTM)	16	----	----	----	----	----
Total:	14,971	996	7,938	904	7,151	4,376
Average:	115	47	62	43	89	54
Count:	130	----	129	----	80	81

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 50 DECEMBER 1995 NUMBER 12

T. Elwood Long

THE THREE UNKNOWN STRANGERS

Suppose, for the next few minutes, that you are a member of an Arab caravan, camped tonight beside one of the trails that crosses the desert. The sun has long since set, the stars [which have always been such guides to the Arabs] are bright, and the nighttime cold is setting in. You pull your robe closer and are about to fall asleep when you hear the soft plodding of feet. You crawl to the tent flap and look up just in time to see a silent procession cross a dim, starlit dune.

But something puzzles you: this caravan isn't following the regular trails at all. It is cutting straight cross-country, through deep unbroken sand. That makes for hard going, and you see that the camels and men are tired.

In the dark they pass your tent: three camels, each bearing a rider swathed against cold. Obviously these men are above average importance. After them come several more camels and men. The caravan is moving due west.

And then you notice something else: high over the men rides a bright star. Although you've watched the stars on many nights, you have never seen this one before.

Shivering a little, you crawl back and fall asleep. In the morning you think it was a dream: yet there are the tracks in the sand.

Something of the sort did happen approximately 1959 years ago this month: and scholars have been trying to find out about it ever since. The names of three travelers are reported to have been Casper [or Kaspier or Gaspard], Melchoir and Balthasar. Where they are going is now well-known: Bethlehem. But where they came from still is hidden in the mists of time.

The Bible makes only fleeting references to the Magi, or Wise Men. The Gospels do not speak of the three Wise Men at all. St. Matthew says: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east of Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him?"

Thus Matthew does not say how many Wise Men there were. The tradition that there were three has generally come to be accepted; and yet in some forms the tradition says there were as many as twelve. Since the Bible is so universally read and studied, people over the intervening centuries have filled in other gaps in the Biblical information, and the result is today we feel we have a fairly clear picture of what the wise Men looked like — and even how they dressed. After all, men have had 2,000 years in which to conjecture about them!

This much scholars know:

More than 2,000 years ago, historians say, the "senior citizens" among the Jewish people seem definitely to have been expecting the coming of the Messiah. Other nations must have learned of this great hope. [The foretelling is found in many Roman writings.]

When Jesus was born near Jerusalem, word was passed among the Jews and reached the Magi, in whatever country they may have been. [Some think they were in Persia]. They set forth [or were sent] to pay homage. Why they did this is interesting. Scholars long have thought that magi were astrologers or magicians. But lately, Assyrian scholars have learned that the name connoted a sacred station; the men to whom it applied were "august" or "revered." [The Bible speaks of them as kings]. They were held in highest reverence. No major step was taken without their advice. They were servants of God; as such, it was their duty to visit the new Messiah.

So much for the Wise Men. Now: what, if anything, is known about the Star? The Three Wise Men followed a bright star that rose in the east and evidently set in the west. Here is what St. Matthew says: "And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

Learned men for generations have tried to find out more about this star – a heavenly body which was so unusual that it attracted the attention of the sages. Was it a great star far out in space that flared up suddenly? Was it a comet? Some scholars think the planets Jupiter and Saturn swung into such a position that they appeared [from the earth] to be "in conjunction" as one great star.

If the two planets have moved together this way, however, Arab tribesman as well as sailors of various nations, who have always watched the nightly movement of stars, would certainly have seen the two planets moving closer together night after night. And it is reasonable to think that early history might have chronicled not only this spectacular sight but the reason for it. And so some students discount the Jupiter-Saturn theory.

But far back in old Chinese records occurs an exciting hint: along about 4 B.C., the Chinese reported, a glowing evanescence appeared in the sky. What it was is not reported; the Chinese noted only the appearance of an "evanescent star." Thus from thousand of miles away comes another ancient report of a strange occurrence in the sky.

But this was in 4 B.C. Here might appear to be a serious stumbling block – until you realize that according to some computations Jesus actually may have been born between 4 and 6 B.C. According to some scholars the Christian calendar thus may be from four to six years "slow."

Many people are accustomed to think that the Wise Men were present immediately after the birth of Jesus. [It's possible that some Christmas pageants, which necessarily "telescope" the beautiful events surrounding the Nativity, lend popular support to this idea. After all, the Wise Men are seen arriving at the manger bringing their gifts to the newborn Babe]. But scholars think many weeks – even months – may have elapsed.

On the way to see the Child, St. Matthew says, the Wise Men stopped off in Jerusalem to ask directions and were asked by King Herod "what time the star appeared." He told them to report to him just where they found the Child so "that I may come and worship him also."

Arriving at the place where Jesus was, the Wise Men saw Him and His Mother, St. Matthew says, "and fell down, and worshiped Him: and when they had opened

(continued to page 3)

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

* * * * * *

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Matthew Church News

Great things have been happening since Brother and Sister Ralph Lambert came to St. Matthew.

First of all, we have between twenty and twenty-six people in our Wednesday night Prayer Services. We have choir practice after Prayer Meeting and with the attendance being so good, we have had a tremendous increase in our choir presentation.

Sister Vera Griffin held us a revival in August. She delivered some very good messages. We had an average attendance of 45 for those five services.

Our Homecoming was on September 10. Brother Willis Pearson was our guest speaker. We had a good day with 106 in attendance for the Sunday morning service.

Sister Ernesteen is working with our children. She and Sister Kay Martin began having Children's Church in October. The youth and the children are excited about this phase of learning.

On October 8, we observed Pastor Appreciation Day. The church, Men's Fellowship, Women's Ministries, and the two adult Sunday School classes remembered our pastor family with love offerings. The children's class made cards for Brother Lambert and carried packages of paper products for gifts. He read each card the children had made, and it was really a good day for all of us.

We are so thankful for Brother and Sister Lambert's being with us. There seems to be a common bond between all of us that we want to do more for Christ and His kingdom, and we have a good shepherd to lead us. They love God, and they are blessing us by sharing that love with us.

Pray for our church that it will continue to prosper and let it be a blessing to all that will come.

Wilma Jones, Secretary

Superannuated Birthdays for December

Rev. Mrs. Fannie Mae Jones, December 9
Rev. Norman Butts, December 13
Rev. Raymond Potter, December 18

Tyndall Grove

Tyndall Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, pastored by Rev. T. P. Davis, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sunday, August 20, 1995. It was called Old Fashioned Homecoming Day in celebration of their anniversary. They dressed the old fashioned way.

The guest speaker on this special day was Rev. Doner Lee. His message was a God given message, and God's presence in the Holy Spirit was felt in a mighty way.

After the service, a dinner was served in the fellowship hall followed by a special singing given by the Freedoms of Clinton, North Carolina.

Everyone enjoyed themselves on this wonderful day.

We were fed spiritually, then physically, our dessert was the special singing.

The folk at Tyndall Grove love Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Davis. New people have started attending the church since they have come to Tyndall Grove. We believe God has something special in store for us.

We had Pastor's Appreciation Day Sunday, October 27. Doris Hall asked Mrs. Carol [pastor's wife] to make sure Brother Davis had one of his older coats at the church.

We had him to put it on and each one in the church lined up and either pinned money on his coat or put it in the pockets of the coat. Some members gave him cards also. The GEMS gave Brother Davis a card with money in it, also.

The Lord is blessing mightily.

Dwanda Jackson, reporter

(continued from page 2)

The Three Unknown Strangers

their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Then, suspicious that Herod wanted to kill the Child, and warned in a dream, the Wise Men chose another route home, skipping Herod altogether [and infuriating him].

Herod, now in frustration, and being unsure of Jesus' age, ordered all babies under the age of two in and near Bethlehem destroyed. Here again is an indication that the Wise Men's visit may have come even a year or more after the Nativity. This lapse of time is represented, too, in the calendars of some churches. Epiphany, the feast which celebrates the coming of the Magi, is celebrated in many churches on January 6, twelve days after Christmas. Some churchmen think each day may represent a longer period of time, possibly a week or even a month.

Myrrh is a gum resin from a tree that grows in Arabia. It forms brittle, oily yellowish drops used in incense and perfume. Frankincense is also a gum resin used in pharmacy and incense. It comes from a tree that resembles sumac and grows in India and Saudi Arabia.

Little by little, men continue to pry into the story of the three Magi, seeking clues to help fill in the full history of their trip. Now it is believed that a great frankincense market existed in the ancient port city of Sumhuram, in Dhofar on the Arabian Sea. Some students believe this is where the frankincense the Wise Men gave Jesus actually was purchased. If this is so, this most famous of all Christmas gifts was transported nearly 2,000 miles — or as far as from the Rocky Mountain to New York.

What happened to the three strangers? No one really knows. But the legend is this: four hundred years after their deaths, their bodies were discovered somewhere "in the East" and moved to Constantinople. Next they were taken to Milan. In 1163 Milan was destroyed, but not before the bodies had been saved and again removed — this time to Cologne.

And there in the Cologne Cathedral, it is claimed to this day, lie the bodies of the Three Wise Men.

Used by permission

Congratulations to

D. Chris Thompson

Jesse Simmons, executive director of World Missions, congratulates D. Chris Thompson (left) on being named Conference Missions Director of the Year for the 2nd time. He first received that honor for his missions work in 1992 and now again for his work in 1994.

Recipient of the

Roy W. Wood

Conference Missions Director of the Year Award

ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION MINISTRIES

UPDATE

Rev. Marvin R.Whitfield, General, Coordinator

October 1995

"I am sad to report to you that abortion is still legal in every state in the union for all nine months of pregnancy. The United States has the most liberal abortion laws in the world with the possible exception of Red China.

The number of abortion deaths in America staggers the imagination. Every day, 4,400 babies are sacrificed to abortion. An incredible 1,600,000 babies are killed every single year...

An estimated 31,000,000 babies have been slaughtered since abortion-on-demand was legalized by the Supreme Court in 1973. In only twenty-two short years, we have destroyed an entire generation of children...

Abortion is legal in American throughout all nine months of pregnancy. In fact, 30% of all babies conceived in this country are killed before they ever see the light of day..."

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President
National Right to Life Committee
September 1995

These descriptive and gruesome statements give just cause for ATAM Net (formally ATA) to press forward in its efforts to rescue those who cannot save themselves. Our Heavenly Father is honored and pleased to see more individuals, churches, and denominations coming forth in defense of the unborn by providing a genuine alternative to abortion.

The Royal Home, the flagship of ATAM Network, continues to operate efficiently and effectively in meeting its goals of saving babies and changing the lifestyles of young women. **Fifty-three** clients have been served by the home. According to a study by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, out-of-marriage pregnancies have dropped 39% for young women who go through maternity homes in North Carolina. Of the clients served by The Royal Home, to our knowledge, none has become pregnant following her stay.

Redemption Outreach Christian Home (R.O.C. Home) located in Traveler's Rest, SC, (near Greenville) is the second home in the Network. Administrator Rev. Ben Wham and his board are doing an excellent job in the long and tedious process of readying the home which is on the verge of opening its doors for clients.

Martin Pregnancy Center, in Williamston, NC, is the third ministry of the Network. Rev. Phillip Bland, pastor of Bethany PH Church in Williamston, is chairperson. The board voted September 14, 1995, to become a part of ATAM Net. The center is in the process of being incorporated and plans to open in Spring, 1996. We welcome them aboard.

An **Aftercare Home** is in the making. We have had several meetings with a couple who is willing to use their home for an aftercare home. This home can house up to three clients and their children. This is a very important ministry which will allow clients who are making progress spiritually, educationally, and in job skills to have time to prepare to reenter society with new friends, a church family, and much-needed job skills. Please pray that the Lord will make this possible.

Prayer Retreat and Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS). Below is a poster announcing ATAM Net's annual prayer retreat on January 19-20, 1996, and SOHLS on January 21, 1996. Please post the flyer on a bulletin board and/or make copies to put in Sunday School classrooms. These two events are very important to this ministry. Many times prayer has provided the motivation, challenge, and funds to enable this ministry to continue.

ATAM Net has observed SOHLS for the past four years. (Other denominations have observed this day for 10 or more years.) ATAM Net, as a department of Falcon Children's Home, will prepare and mail an information packet to General and Conference officials and each pastor in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church during the first week in November to allow sufficient time to plan for this day.

The **Adoption Service,** which has been a part of ATAM Net goals from the beginning, is slowly moving forward. Guidelines are being written and presented to the state of North Carolina for approval in the near future; however, we have been assured by the licensing agency that this program can become a reality.

Your interest, prayers, and financial support make it possible for this ministry to provide life-giving service to the unborn. The ATAM Net administration and staff are extremely grateful for the **important part you play in this ministry.**

"Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to come to The Royal Home. It was a wonderful experience. It really helped me a lot. Thanks for everything."

"I am going to miss you so much, Kay. You have become a mother to me. Believe it or not, but I want to come back and live with you."

"I really wanted to thank you guys for everything that you've done for me. I will never, ever forget any of it. It is very hard to find people as loving and compassionate..."

"I think of you often and wonder how to say 'thank you." There are not words to say everything I feel..."

Excerpts from letters of former clients.

• • • UPCOMING EVENTS • • •

ATAM NET PRAYER RETREAT

January 19-20, 1996 • Kingsway Pentecostal Holiness Church • Myrtle Beach, SC

Speakers: Bane and Barbara James

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY (SOHLS)

January 21, 1996

Materials have been mailed in November to all pastors in the denomination.

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

In late October, upon my return home from GEMS LTC in Falcon, I found a decorative and neatly penned note on the refrigerator door which had been placed there by our daughter, Emma. On the outer edges of the paper were little Christmas trees and musical notes. On the bottom was written "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Written boldly in the center of the paper were the words **Emma's Christmas List** under which she had her wish list.

Around the Thomas household, it is always interesting to see which child will put up the first Christmas list. When they were younger, I encouraged them to provide a list for us to make choices from when we began our Christmas shopping. This tradition has stuck — even now that they are all young adults. The refrigerator door is the traditional spot for posting them. They are always strategically placed just at eye level for Joe and me.

Needless to say, I was interested in her list and chuckled as I began to read it, thinking to myself that Emma meant to be first this year. I studied her list and found that she had a very modest list (except for one request at the bottom which I considered questionable). You see, Emma is generally very conservative and almost always asks for things she needs rather than frivolous items.

As I stood there and reflected on her list, I thought about the joy that she, along with Scott, Allen, and Brynn have brought to our home. I was reminded that I actually look forward to their putting up their Christmas lists each year. I remembered those years when they were all at home and how we looked forward to Christmas holidays away from school, the excitement of putting up the tree and opening family gifts on Christmas Eve night.

I found myself in nostalgic mood, thinking about the Christmas programs at church — Scott's first Christmas as the Christ Child; Allen always liked to be one of the three kings (he liked to dress up in the shiny garb); Brynn was either a shepherd or Joseph; and Emma, the angel or Mary.

As I thought further about Christmases past and more about Emma's current Christmas list, I knew that in our hearts, Joe and I have enjoyed giving them Christmas gifts just as much as they have enjoyed receiving them.

I thought to myself, now what if they never let us know what they needed or wanted! What if they had not acted as if they appreciated the gifts! What if they had not shown any initiative in submitting to us ideas or suggestions! What if they had not shown that spirit of anticipation and expectation.

Do you suppose that is the way our Heavenly Father is thinking of many of us toady? Are we making our needs known to Him? Do we recognize that He loves us and wants to give us the need of our lives?

Luke wrote, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

I submit to you that our Heavenly Father wants us to give Him our list! It is true that he already knows our needs, but I know that he must find joy in our anticipation and expectation. I can imagine that He thinks of us in loving and reminiscing ways, just as we think of our own children. When we become slack and fail to go to Him, He must remember those times in the past when we were excited about His gift to us.

Paul reminded the early church that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." As Christians, we have been taught that verse through the years and make it a practice in our lifestyles. Jesus certainly was the supreme example of giving — in that He left the splendor of Heaven to come in human form — to live and to die for us.

How He must smile when He sees our lists posted in Heaven! How happy it must make Him to know that the can bring joy to His children! I'm sure there are some questionable items on our lists at times, and are we not glad that, in His wisdom, Father knows best!

Yes, Emma, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. And ... you can believe Daddy and I have seen your list! Thanks for reminding us that you have confidence in us and that you know we want to see your needs supplied. You probably didn't know, though, that by posting that list you would be reminding me to post mine in a place where my Heavenly Father would notice — just at His eye level.

Blanche Pollard admires a Christmas Stocking filled with goodies for children in Brooklyn, NY.

Happy Hearts Christmas Stockings...

Holt's Lake Restaurant in Smithfield was buzzing with excitement as 93 HAPPY HEARTS ladies arrived Thursday, October 12, bringing with them 146 Christmas Stockings they had made and filled with goodies for the children of Red Hook New Life Center in Brooklyn, NY.

These stockings were packed for shipping in six big boxes on the following Wednesday night by Holly

Hill Church GEMS, assisted by their sponsors and our NCWM President, Linda Thomas. The next day, I had the delight of taking these stockings, which had been made and filled with love, to the UPS office in New Bern and getting them on their way to Brooklyn.

Boys and girls who are living in an environment of drugs, alcohol, and helplessness will receive one of these stockings as a gift and will hear the Gospel Message of God's love in giving His Son as a gift of Love.

Thanks, HAPPY HEARTS! Job well done! Thanks, Holly GEMS, for helping with the task of packing these stockings.

The next HAPPY HEARTS meeting will be in Spring of 1996. All Senior WM ladies are invited to attend. The date will be sent to the local presidents and announced in this publication. Watch for it, and plan to attend. You will be blessed!

Blanche Pollard, Chairman
Happy Hearts Committee

(Following is an except from a note received from Ruth Johnson at the Red Hook New Life Center upon receipt of the boxes of Christmas Stockings.)

Just a note to let you know all the boxes of stockings arrived today in good condition! Thanks so much. Please give all the "Happy Hearts" our love for sharing their love with the children in Red Hook. Merry Christmas!

GEMS NEWS ...

1995 NC GEMS LTC — Great Is His Faithfulness!! From toddlers to teens, the girls of the North Carolina Pentecostal Holiness Conference are so blessed with women who are burdened for their souls. On Saturday, October 28, forty-four precious ladies were certified to work with these girls in the GEMS ministry at the close of another very fruitful Leadership Training Course. Workshops covering everything from First Aid to Counseling were provided to equip these ladies for the GEMS ministry. The NC GEMS Board once again thanks all who contributed to this course. We especially appreciate these ladies who gave willingly and self-sacrificially of their time to complete this training. A special thanks to the churches and WM groups who contributed financially for registration fees. You can expect quite a return on your investment.

VALENTINES — A special project each year for the NC GEMS involves GEMS – made valentines which are given to the Golden Years Nursing Home. This is a reminder that February is drawing near. A special bonus is that a winning Valentine will be chosen from each GEMS age group, and the GEMS group that wins will receive two GEMS Retreat scholarships. Valentines must be given/sent to a GEMS Board Member by January 26 or carried to the WM Leadership Seminar on January 27. This is such a wonderful gift of love in which our girls can participate.

GEMS STC — On Saturday, February 17, the NC GEMS will hold its first GEMS STC (Sturkie Training Course) in Goldsboro, NC, at the Holiday Inn. This advanced training is encouraged for all GEMS Coordinators and sponsors. It promises to be a special time of renewal for all of us who work with GEMS. Please contact Sandra McCandless at 919-244-0550 for registration information.

On a personal note, I want you all to know how very special you are to me. Being involved in this ministry has enriched my life. Getting to known many of you has been a treasured experienced. May your holidays be especially blessed, and we look forward to working with you, worshiping with you, and serving you.

Much Love,
Sandra McCandless

What Can I Give???

The following testimony was sent to me by Judy Watson, President of Living Waters W.M. group.

Since I became a volunteer at Wilson Pregnancy Center in August of 1994, several people have asked me, "Is it worth your time and effort? Do you think you can make a difference?" I say, "YES!" God can use a willing vessel to make a difference in the lives of women who may be or think they are in a crisis pregnancy. Most agree when I tell of my experience in July of 1995.

A lady in her middle thirties, divorced, with four children, came to me for counsel. She had severe back problems and emotional distresses brought on from past abortions. She came in on that day abortion minded. Even though she felt abortion was wrong, she felt it did not matter any more because she felt that God would not forgive her for her past abortions —as she said it, "killing my babies."

After breathing a prayer for direction, I opened God's Word and read the Scriptures with her. She then realized God's love for her is unconditional. I then had the opportunity\ to lead her in the sinner's prayer. She lifted her head praising the Lord as she was a new creatures. She then chose life for her unborn baby. She is still pregnant and still has all the other problems. The difference is that she now has the One who can solve these problems and be her friend.

Yes! Yes! Volunteering at Wilson Pregnancy Center is worth every second of my time!

Perhaps there is some area of volunteer work in your community that would open a door of ministry to you. Giving of yourself for the glory of God is the greatest gift one can give.

A Christmas Dish ...

CHERRIES IN THE SNOW

1 8 Oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon almond extract
16 oz. container Cool Whip
1 whole Angle Food Cake
1 can cherry pie filling

Blend together milk, sugar and cream cheese until smooth. Stir in almond extract and then Cool Whip. Tear cake into bite size pieces. Fold into Cool Whip mixture until liquid is absorbed. Spoon into a decorative glass dish. Spoon pie filling over the top.

This recipe comes from the Winterville Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries new cookbook, SHARING OUR BEST and was contributed by Deedy Vincent, a GEMS Sponsor there.

A Christmas Book ...

A CUP OF CHRISTMAS TEA, by Tom Hegg, will warn your heart and remind you of the beauty of Christmas. I recommend it as a gift — but you'll want to read it before you give it away. It can be obtained from your local bookstore.

A Christmas Thought ...

My lifetime friend, Elaine Taylor, of Bethel, sent me her favorite thought. I'll share it with you.

Yesterday is the past; tomorrow is the future; but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present!

January 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Conference Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Evangelism Appreciation Meals Noon/ Evening	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 C.E. Board Mtg.	19	20 Royal Rangers ICS
21 ATAM Sanctity of Life Sunday	22	23 Conference Board Mtg.	24	25 Church Revitalization Forum	26	27 W.M. Leadership Seminar
28	29	30	31			

School of Evangelism Charlotte

C.E. Convention— The First

ATA Prayer Seminar

Missions Meals

National R. R. Council

World Missions Board Mtg. at Richmond,

December 95

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 96

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Printed by N.C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

February 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 District Conference Raleigh &Wilson at Shiloh	2 District Conference Rocky Mount & Williamston at Tarboro First	3 Bible Quiz Tournament at Kingston First 9:30 a.m.
4	5 District Conference Lumberton & Wilmington at Chadbourn	6 District Conference Clinton & Fayetteville at Gospel Tabernacle	7	8 District Conference Greenville & Goldsboro at The First	9 District Conference Morehead & New Bern at Smyrna	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 GEMS STC Place TBA
18	19 President's Day	20	21 Church Revitalization Forum With Owen Weston Afternoon Mtg.	22	23 Clinton District Talent Rally at Clinton First	24 Morehead, New Bern, Wilmington District Talent Rallies at New Bern First
25	26 Goldsboro District Talent Rally at The First	27 Evangelism Board Meeting Wilson District Talent Rally at Shiloh	28	29 Lumberton District Talent Rally at Mt. Olive (LD)		

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Stewardship Seminar / Fort Mills, SC

Evangelism Board Meeting

"Promise Keepers" — Atlanta, GA

Christian Worker's Institute

March 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NAE World Day of Prayer Raleigh District Talent Rally at The Capital	2 Fayetteville District Talent Rally at Baywood
3 Faith Commitment Day	4 Williamston District Talent Rally at Robersonville Wilmington District Missions Rally	5 New Bern Missions Rally	6	7 Goldsboro District Missions Rally World Missions Committee Mtg.	8 Rocky Mount District Talent Rally at Tarboro First	9 Greenville District Talent Rally at Greenville First
10 W. M. Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
Honor C.E. Worker's Week						
17	18	19	20 Spring Begins Spring	21 Wilmington District Day With Superintendent	22	23
24 Retired Ministers' Day	25	26 Conference Board Mtg.	27	28 Church Revitalization Forum District Commanders Mtg.	29 Women's Retreat — Charlotte B/SA LTC	30
31 Palm Sunday B/SA LTC						

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Printed by N.C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

April 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Evangelism Board Mtg.	5 Good Friday	6 Mens' Ministries Prayer Breakfast
7 SPRING FORWARD FALL BACK Daylight Savings (set ahead 1 hour) Easter	8 Office Closed	9	10	11 Williamston District Day With Superintendent	12 Conference Jr. Bible Quiz	13 Conference Jr. Talent
NATIONAL GEMS WEEK						
14 G.E.M.S. Day	15	16 C.E. Board Meeting	17	18 Church Revitalization Forum Rocky Mount District Day With Superintendent	19 Conference Teen Bible Quiz Finals	20 Conference Teen Talent Finals
21	22	23 Conference Board Mtg.	24	25	26 G.E.M.S. Retreat	27 District Training Elmer Towns at Kinston First
28	29	30				

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April / June			1	2 Conference Day of Prayer & Fasting	3	4 N.C.W.M. Presidents Council
5 Emmanuel College Graduation	6 World Missions Board Mtg.	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 Ministers & Wives Retreat	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21 Raleigh District Day With Superintendent	22	23 Church Revitalization Forum	24	25
26 Home Missions Sunday Pentecost	27 Memorial Day (Observed) Office Closed	28	29	30 Conference Board Mtg.	31	

Printed by N.C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

June 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 District Training with Elmer Towns at Living Faith
2 National Children's Day	3	4	5	6 Candidates for License	7 Candidates for Ordination	8 W.M. Convention
9 Laymen's Sunday	10	11 New Bern District Day With	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day TOOLS Offering	17	18 Morehead District Day With	19	20 Summer Begins	21	22
23	24	25 Conference Board Mtg.	26	27 Church Revitalization Forum	28	29
30 Primary Week...						

Junior Week of Youth Camp

Senior Week of Youth Camp

July 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
	Primary Week of Youth Camp					
7 W.M. King Scholarship Offering	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Royal Rangers J.L.T.C.				Atlanta Olympics...
14 "GO" Sunday	15	16 Evangelism Board Mtg.	17	18 Conference Board Mtg.	19	20
Atlanta Olympic Team 2000						
21 Alternate "GO" Sunday	22	23	24	25	26 Promotional Conference Session	27
Falcon Camp Meeting — Leroy Baker						
28	29	30	31			
Falcon Camp ...						

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Printed by N.C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

August 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Royal Rangers POW WOW		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	World Missions Board Mtg.					
	National Talent & Bible Quiz — Arlington, TX					
11	12	13	14	15 Church Revitalization Banquet	16	17 District Training Elmer Towns at Gospel Tabernacle
				Chocowinity Camp Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22 C.E. Board Mtg.	23	24
Chocowinity Camp Meeting						
25	26	27 Conference Board Mtg.	28	29	30	31 District Conference for Raleigh, Wilson, Rocky Mount & Goldsboro at Bizzell Grove
Chocowi-nity...						

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 B.S.A. Field Day Falcon
8 Grandparents Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 District Conference at Clinton, Fayetteville, Lumberton & Wilmington at Clinton First
15	16	17 Clinton District Day With Superintendent	18 SEE YOU AT THE POLE DAY	19 Evangelism Board Mtg.	20	21 District Conference for Greenville, Morehead, New Bern, Williamston at Saint Paul
22 Autumn Begins	23	24 Conference Board Mtg.	25	26 Lumberton District Day With Superintendent	27 Rangers L.T.C. Eastern Men's Regional Retreat	28
29 Ranger L.T.C.	30					

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Printed by N.C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

October 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Greenville District Day With Superintendent Royal Rangers FCF	4 Singles' Retreat	5
6 Pastor Appreciation Singles' Retreat Royal Rangers...	7 Feast of Ingathering King Memorial Lectures	8 King Memorial Lectures	9 King Memorial Lectures	10 King Memorial Lectures	11 King Memorial Lectures	12 Missions F.E.S.T.
13	14 Missions Rally Fayetteville District	15 Missions Rally Williamston District Wilson District Day With Superintendent	16	17 Missions Rally Lumberton District NTC - RANGERS	18 NTC - RANGERS	19 Missions F.E.S.T. at Falcon NTC - RANGERS
20 NTC - RANG... National Royal Rangers Week	21 National Royal Rangers Week	22 Conference Board Mtg. National Royal Rangers Week	23 National Royal Rangers Week	24 Goldsboro District Day With Superintendent National Royal Rangers Week	25 G.E.M.S. L.T.C. National Royal Rangers Week	26 National Royal Rangers Week
27 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! Daylight Savings–set back 1 hour Friend Day	28	29 C.E. Board Mtg.	30	31 Fayetteville District Day With Superintendent		

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

November 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October / December					1	2
3 New Member Sunday	4	5 Election Day	6 World Missions Director's Mtg.	7 World Missions Board Mtg.	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Evangelism Board Mtg.	20	21 Conference Board Mtg.	22	23
24	25 Falcon Children's Home Board Mtg.	26 Harvest Train	27	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29	30

December 1996
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Evangelists' Day	2	3	4	5 Missions Committee Mtg.	6	7
8	9	10 Conf. All Boards Christmas Party	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	November 96 / January 97			

Printed by N.C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISTS' DAY — 1995

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Board has designated Sunday, December 3 as Evangelist's Day within the N.C. Conference. The purpose of the designation is to increase awareness of the good work that many evangelists are doing within the Conference. An itinerant evangelist can be used mightily to build the kingdom of God and to bring revival to the local church.

Evangelists should be on the prayer list of every Christian. As pastors need prayer, so do evangelists as they battle against the forces of darkness. They face many obstacles that only the Lord can help them through or over. December 3 is a call to the N.C. Conference to pray for the evangelists. They labor faithfully and sacrificially. Hopefully, each church will have a special prayer for these men and women of God.

The N.C. Conference is blessed to have a good number of full-time evangelists working within the Conference. Four of these have been designated as N.C. Conference Evangelists — Vera Griffin, Deborah Williams, W. J. Forehand, and Paul Jackson.

The designation of N.C. Conference Evangelist is based on the following:

- Minimum of 24 revivals/year (12 must be in the N.C. Conference)
- Minimum of one year membership within the N.C. Conference
- Approval by N.C. Conference Evangelism Board
- Primary financial support from work of evangelism

These evangelists receive their N.C. Conference insurance, a small monthly housing supplement, and gifts at Christian Worker's Institute and Camp Meeting (if they attend). Due to the financial subsidies as dictated by the Quadrennial Conference, the N.C. Conference is **only** able to aid four designated Conference Evangelists.

These evangelists may be reached as follows:

Vera Griffin
P.O. Box 1248, Goldsboro, NC 27533
919-735-7184

Deborah Williams
5136 Buckskin Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306
919-355-3055

W. J. Forehand
Route 1, Box 137
LaGrange, NC 28551
919-556-9627 / 919-552-0287

Paul C. Jackson
3100 Sherwood Drive
Greenville, NC 27858
919-756-8228

Each year in November and December, the Evangelism Department seeks to raise special Christmas funds for the Conference Evangelists. December can be a bleak month for the evangelists, in a month when they could use some additional funds. Obviously many churches do not schedule many meetings in the month. The Department does send the Conference Evangelists $500.00 each. However, this is such a small amount compared to the need.

Two years ago the Department began a N.C. Conference Evangelists Christmas Fund. Funds that are received in this fund are distributed among the Conference Evangelists. Individuals and churches may contribute to this fund by mailing their properly designated checks to the N.C. Conference Evangelism Department, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342.

Some churches and individuals have chosen to send funds directly to the evangelists or to Conference designated for a certain evangelist. Either way is acceptable. The important thing is to show the evangelists at Christmas that they are loved and appreciated.

In addition to the designated N.C. Conference Evangelists, there are several others who are genuinely full-time evangelists. They are Ann Baines, Louise Thompson, Marty Mason, Bill Hooper, and Terry Whittenton (Whittle-Do). These are doing a superb job in the work of evangelism. Marty Mason has been specializing in tent revivals. Ann Baines is both an evangelist in N.C. and overseas as an international evangelist. Terry Whittenton has opened the door to full-time child evangelism as Whittle-Do. These may be reached as follows:

Ann Baines
2815 West Mount
Rocky Mount, NC 27803
919-443-5339

Louise Thompson
706 W. Johnston St.
Tarboro, NC 27886
919-823-3242

Marty Mason
85 Baybridge Drive
Willow Springs, NC
919-639-8659

Bill Hooper
181 Breezy Pt. Road
Beaufort, NC 28516
919-728-4014

Terry Whittenton
109 Rose Circle, Dunn, NC 28334
919-892-8971

The N.C. Conference has also been blessed with laymen who specialize in evangelistic work. Noah Barefoot, Sr. and, Dwayne and Connie Dunning have for years ministered in Vacation Bible Schools and special Children's Crusades. They may be reached as follows:

Noah Barefoot St.
P.O. Box 546, Roseboro, NC 28382 — 910-525-4214

Dwayne Dunning
P.O. Box 97, Falcon, NC 28342 — 910-980-1284

All these individuals do a superb job for the Lord. However, they can only be used as called. Give them a call for 1996. We are certainly blessed in the N.C. Conference with these gifted evangelists!

"1995" World Missions Contributions

The year is quickly coming to an end. Whatever is done for missions giving in 1995 must be done immediately. Most everyone is aware that there is a delay system in place for world missions contributions reporting. Whatever is received at the Conference Office in December is mailed to Oklahoma in one check in January. This means that funds sent to Falcon in December will show up in 1996 **in Oklahoma Reports.** They will, however, show up in 1995 in N.C. Conference Reports. This is the reason that the N.C. Conference Missions Report in the Conference Minutes differs slightly from published Oklahoma Reports.

Should individuals or churches have "special" missions funds in December that they desire to be credited to 1995 Oklahoma Reports, they should send them directly to Oklahoma City (not Falcon). This is for "special" funds only, not regular giving. They should be mailed to World Missions, P.O. Box 12609, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73157. They should be mailed in plenty of time to reach the office by the end of the year. *Great care should be taken to list the name of the home church, church ID number, and N.C. Conference.*

It is the policy of the N.C. Conference Missions Department to print and / or publicize yearly contributions figures as Oklahoma figures. This causes less confusion. However, in the Conference Minutes, the figures must be listed as they are received in the Conference Office.

1996 World Missions Meals

Each year the Conference hosts a round of special meals for pastors, local missions directors, ministers, and their spouses. The purpose of the meals is to celebrate the previous year's accomplishments in missions and to kick off the new year's Global Outreach Offering.

The meals in 1996 will be held in January 15-19. Harold Dalton, Assistant to the Executive Director of World Missions from Oklahoma City, will be speaking. Materials for 1996 World Missions promotions will be available at the meals. Places and times for each meeting will be announced later.

1995 "Global Outreach Offering"

The 1995 Global Outreach Offering was a miraculous success. The Conference has received (by November 1) $151,600.00. This is 8% over the goal of $140,000.00 and a 20% increase over last year's offering ($126,543.99). Praise the Lord!

Here are some additional facts about this year's offerings:

Amount Received — $151,614.34

- 152 Churches have given this year (90%).
- 2 Churches have pledged but not yet given.
- 4 Churches gave last year but have not yet given this year.
- 8 Churches did not give last year and have not given this year.
- 14 Churches gave this year that did not give last year.
- 10 Districts increased their giving
- 4 Districts had 100% participation.
- 7 Districts met their goal

The Lumberton District had the largest *Percentage Increase* with 125%
(District Director — Tim Creel).

The Vanceboro Church has the largest *Percentage Increase* — 2,197%
($50.00 to $1,148.54 — Pastor Aubrey Spear)

Lumberton First had the *Highest Amount Increase* — $7,450.00
($1,050.00 to $8,500.00 — Pastor H. Ray Ward)

The overall U.S.A. Goal was $900,000.00. It looks like by year's end that the total funds received will be over $920,000.00 — A DEFINITE MIRACLE!

Presently churches and districts are setting their goals for 1996. The U.S.A. goal is $1,000,000,.00 — One Million. The N.C. Conference Goal is $166,000.00 in '96. With the Lord's help and faithful people — we will reach this goal.

Missionary "Love Gifts"

The N.C. Conference is the #1 Conference in monthly support in missionaries. Each year thousands of dollars are given directly to the missionaries as love gifts. Praise the Lord for the generosity of our people.

However, if these funds are not given through Falcon or Oklahoma City, the local church cannot get proper credit. IRS rules and state laws require that credit for funds can be given only when funds are actually received and dispensed. Copies of checks do not suffice. The funds must flow through the system for credit to be given.

When Oklahoma receives funds earmarked "love gifts," it is sent to the missionary the next month in their check as extra funds. In most cases the missionary gets the funds in a matter of days. Such love gifts may be sent directly to Oklahoma (properly designated) not to Falcon. By bypassing Falcon the time is shortened to get it to the missionary. If the funds are properly designated, the church will get the credit.

Remember in some cases the missionary needs the funds immediately. In those times the Lord will take care of the credit!

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT—SEPTEMBER 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Glad Tidings	400	----	469	----	180	219
Stedman	268	----	260	----	265	161
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	200	----	100	100
The First	360	----	190	----	----	----
Gospel Tabernacle	438	30	190	39	339	246
The Capital	350	----	182	----	140	199
Whitley	269	----	176	----	225	232
Greenville First	236	----	167	----	135	84
Shiloh WD	277	48	154	48	176	94
Mt. Carmel	329	----	139	----	180	107
Tarboro First	214	100	133	46	233	143
Robersonville	187	----	129	----	173	128
St. Pauls	132	----	122	----	132	105
Pine Level	202	----	121	----	34	20
Harkers Island	127	----	120	---	----	----
Williamston	155	10	119	8	116	88
Bizzell Grove	160	40	114	29	85	54
Peniel	259	----	109	----	107	52
Lumberton	320	18	109	17	140	82
Smyrna	119	----	108	----	71	73
Brentwood	125	----	102	----	135	141
Harvest Temple	174	65	95	47	109	64
Millennium	178	37	92	37	90	55
Clinton	113	----	89	----	110	52
Belfast	107	----	87	----	89	74
St. Paul	156	----	87	----	40	28
Bethany	151	8	81	21	109	52
Benson	143	22	80	43	50	67
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	78	----	140	87
Baywood	183	----	76	----	120	55
Hollands Chapel	65	----	76	----	30	24
Brocks Chapel	156	----	75	----	91	46
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	74	----	100	69
Hope Mills	150	30	73	24	80	38
Eastside	121	95	73	20	----	----
Midway	141	31	72	25	81	39
Roanoke Rapids	260	517	72	172	101	11
St. John	135	----	70	----	34	44
Mount Olive	90	----	68	----	----	----
Roper	92	----	65	----	87	57
Bridgeton	75	----	64	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	180	----	64	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	105	----	62	----	72	56
Shiloh FD	85	----	60	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	60	----	----	----
Holly Hill	108	----	58	----	104	27
Selma	101	----	58	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	57	----	49	43
Ayden	57	----	57	----	----	----
Rehoboth	137	----	57	----	60	----
Ebenezer	135	63	56	46	75	40
Wilmington	142	----	55	----	142	27
Elizabethtown	70	10	54	9	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	54	----	59	39
Emmanuel	90	----	53	----	50	35
Westview	112	----	52	----	88	48
Spring Hope	60	----	52	----	55	47
Taylors Chapel	117	----	52	----	----	----
Tabernacle	62	----	52	----	62	43
Shelmerdine	118	----	52	----	74	70
Tyndall Grove	85	----	52	----	24	15
Sharon	99	----	52	----	43	21
Carson Memorial	78	----	50	----	65	38
Ahoskie	104	----	50	----	59	47
Aberdeen	82	----	50	----	57	23
Hamilton	73	----	49	----	----	----
Jacksonville	74	----	49	----	46	41
Liberty	44	----	48	----	----	---
Graham Memorial	100	----	48	----	54	31
Trinity CD	130	----	48	----	55	33
Scotland Neck	70	72	47	90	32	26
New Vision	57	----	46	----	----	----
Wilson First	164	----	103	----	100	45
Manleys Grove	124	----	44	----	----	----
Goshen	73	----	44	----	36	32
Maranatha	53	----	43	----	25	46
Kenly	89	----	43	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	43	----	----	----
Albritton	74	18	43	21	43	33
Faith WD	65	205	42	205	----	----
Boardman	290	----	42	----	205	33
Hobgood	88	----	42	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	89	----	41	----	----	----
Friendship WD	87	----	40	----	51	41
Grace Community	61	----	40	----	66	29
New Covenant	39	----	38	----	27	27
Weldon	66	----	38	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	37	----	28	17
Bethel	86	----	37	----	----	----
Hopewell	40	----	37	----	57	34
Warsaw	67	----	37	----	40	15
Garland	61	----	37	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	126	----	37	----	65	17
Bailey	64	----	35	----	24	28
Red Springs	70	----	35	----	----	----
Calvary LD	31	----	35	----	----	----
Westmoreland	113	26	35	14	69	24
Living Waters	73	----	34	----	89	29
Heritage	59	----	34	----	72	44
Independence	46	----	34	----	23	30
Vanceboro	37	----	33	----	----	----
The Genesis	66	----	32	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	30	----	----	----
Black Creek	53	----	29	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	103	----	29	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	41	----	29	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	29	----	27	20
Sims	49	----	29	----	----	----
Shekinah	55	----	27	----	17	14
Plymouth	46	----	26	----	20	38
New Hope	31	----	26	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	37	----	25	----	29	22
Lowland	38	----	24	----	28	23
Wades Point	38	----	23	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	46	----	23	----	19	21
New Life	27	----	21	----	----	----
Merritt's Chapel	58	----	20	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	20	----	30	12
Alliance	42	----	19	----	44	10
Grifton	88	----	18	----	45	15
Middlesex	21	----	18	----	----	----
Alert	60	----	17	----	28	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	15	----	----	----
New Creation	15	----	15	----	----	----
Goose Creek	34	----	13	----	22	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	12	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	10	----	16	6
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	----
Belhaven	7	----	8	----	----	----
Micro	20	----	8	---	----	----
Total:	14,657	1,445	8,356	961	6,997	4,600
Average:	112	72	64	48	81	52
Count:	131	----	131	----	86	88

1996 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION

January 12-13, 1996

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Goldsboro, NC

SEIZE THE FUTURE!

3 Exciting Tracks:

Track I: Sunday School — *The Growth Spiral* ☐

Track II: Youth Ministry — *Create In Me A Youth Ministry* ☐

Track III: Childrens Ministry — *Children's Prayer Network* ☐

Special Youth Rally on Friday Night! Training begins on Saturday Morning.

Number attending Youth Rally on Friday night ☐

REGISTRATION FORM

Church _____ **District** _____

No. of People Registering @ $5.00 per person _____

_____

Amount Enclosed **$**_____

Note: Churches registering 4 or more people receive a special group registration rate of $20.00

Return this registration form with check to:

CE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342

Fax: 910-980-1634 Phone: 980-1162

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 JANUARY, 1996 NUMBER 1

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

BEGINNING ANEW

January is a time of beginning anew. A retrospective look is necessary for a true genesis; a time of new beginnings. In looking back we must remember the past to properly leave behind unnecessary baggage, and just as importantly, determine the cargo we will need on our journey into the new year.

Moses instructed the people of God, "and thou shalt remember all the way which Jehovah thy God hath led thee" [Deuteronomy 8:22]. Moses understood the powerful influence of memory. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan points out "the words here translated 'remember' mean quite literally to mark. "Thou shalt mark all the way which the Lord thy God hath led thee." The pictorial suggestiveness of it is that of the chart, the map, or the way on which certain facts were to be marked, and thus fixed upon the memory. The true backward look is that which sets the past in relation to God; that which lays to heart the lessons God has intended to teach by the experiences of the past; and that which always has the future in mind. Mr. Morgan goes on to say that they were to remember "God's deliverance, that He brought them out of Egypt; God's leading, that He led them through the great and terrible wilderness; God's resources, which were placed at their disposal." [1]We would do well to heed the directions of this wise man.

The close of one calendar year and the opening of the next provides a golden opportunity for spiritual inventory. January was so named in honor of the Roman god Janus who was the god of entrances or beginnings; literally the god of doorways. This god had two faces, one which looked ahead and one which looked behind.

We have all known about and perhaps even made New Year's resolutions. This is great if it truly means a time of introspection, repentance and commitment to the will and purposes of God. If this is not the spirit of our resolutions, they will not last.

There is certainly a sense in which the New Year is "cloaked in mystery." "Before mountain climber John Hunt began his difficult ascent of Mount Everest, a friend asked him what the summit was like. 'That is difficult to say,' He replied. 'It is usually obscured by clouds and squalls and the road ahead is cloaked in mystery and uncertainty. Axton Clark appropriately characterized the days of the New Year by the expression, 'the unopened tomorrows.' "[2]

"Jonathan Edwards, who was a great and useful man, made five resolutions for himself in his youth, and lived by them faithfully. They are worth studying. Any one who will adopt and follow them will greatly increase his usefulness. The resolutions are as follows:

1. Resolved: To live with all my might while I do live.
2. Resolved: Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
3. Resolved: Never to do anything which I should despise to think meanly of in another.
4. Resolved: Never to do anything out of revenge.
5. Resolved: Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life." — *Ohio Sunday School Worker* [3]

Mr. Edwards' resolves are worthy of our consideration.

Our eternal Lord, Jesus Christ gave the body of Christ our marching orders at the conclusion of His discourse relative to the promise of the Holy Spirit in St. John, Chapter 145. The last words of the concluding verse [31] reads in KJV like this, "Arise, let us go hence." In the powerful mandate He gives us His "watchword" "our motto."[4] In these words He expressed His desire to obey the Father regardless of the personal suffering or cost; "As the father gave me commandment, even so do I. Arise, let us go hence." He also indicated His readiness to meet the arch-enemy, "the prince of the world cometh." He prefers action so He leaves the supper table of the upper room with these words of His lips, "arise, let us go hence."

We must copy our Master's example! "Arise, let us go hence." Even onward, forward, upward we must go, Out of the "world" as called by His grace. Out of past and present attainments or seeming failures we must go forward leaving them behind. "Onward Christian Soldiers!"

ENDNOTES

1. G. Campbell Morgan, *The Westminister Pulpit, Volume IV,* Scripture Truth Book Company Fincastle, Virginia, pp. 9, 10.

2. J. Ralph Grant, *The Word of the Lord [For Special Days],* Baker Book House, pp. 15, 16.

3. Walter B. Knight, "Jonathan Edwards Resolved," *Knight's Book of New Illustration,* William B. Eerdmans Publishing, p. 436.

4. Charles H. Spurgeon, *My Sermon Notes,* Fleming H. Revell Company, pp. 730, 731.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Miracles Still Happen

On Friday morning, November 24, 1995, the day began as any regular day for 1 1/2 year-old Christopher Nance. He was taken to his grandparents. His grandparents are Willie and Pauline Knowles [Sister Knowles is the pastor of Penderlea PH Church].

Little Chris and his brother Davy had been playing in the fenced backyard when his Poppa noticed Little Chris was missing. Little Chris had wondered to a nearby ditch and had fallen in. He was face down and lifeless. Brother Knowles began giving breaths but had little success. In the meantime Sister Knowles had called 911. Emergency personnel arrived on the scene and began life support. After he was stabilized, he was taken to Pender Memorial Hospital. His body temperature was 91 degrees, no blood pressure, weak pulse and shallow breaths. There was not much hope that he would survive. After five hours his blood pressure and temperature came up. He was air lifted to Chapel Hill. He was tested for infection, pneumonia, or other deformities. It was all negative.

Chris is home doing fine.

Papa Knowles had two things to say when it was all over — God still performs miracles, and He does raise from the dead!

Superannuated Birthdays for January

Rev. Daisy Morris	January 2
Rev. Ralph R. Johnson	January 4
Rev. Ruth Heath	January 5
Rev. Daniel Jones	January 7
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. J. Russell Clark	January 25
Rev. Jack Jayroe	January 29

A Note of Thanks

John and Edna Parker would like to thank all of the many friends who stood with us during John's recent surgery and recuperation. The great number of telephone calls, cards, and personal visits all give new meaning to the words love, concern, appreciation, and support. We are grateful that according to the doctors, the problem of malignancy is behind us, and we can now dedicate our time and energies to the ministry that God has given to us. May God bless you all, dear friends! May He heal you, strengthen you, prosper you, and anoint you for the ministry that each of you is called to do. We love you!

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

January 21, 1996

Theme:

Life... What A Precious Gift!

Materials were mailed to all pastors in the IPHC by December 1, 1995

REMEMBER:

Those of us who were not aborted MUST speak for the unborn...they cannot speak for themselves.

In America one-third of all pregnancies end in abortion: one every 20 seconds, 180 per hour, 4320 per day, 1.6 million per year, more than 31,000.00 since Roe vs Wade 23 years ago.

Sponsored by
Alternative to Abortion Ministry.
(ATAM NET)
A department of
Falcon Children's Home

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

How long has it been since you cleaned out every room (including closet) in your home? Well, for the past month that is what has been happening at the Thomas house. Our family has been living in our current house for almost sixteen years, so Joe and I decided it was time for an all out painting and cleaning time. So, we engaged the services of a young man who is a very good painter and set out on an adventure I will not soon forget.

We determined that we would take one room at a time and clean everything as we went. Now, mind you, our painter told me right up front that hardly anyone paints closets. So, I can't say I wasn't warned what a big job I was undertaking. But, you see, with four children in our house for all these years, as well as the fact that I am a real pack rat, we had accumulated a lot of clutter — and I saw this as the opportune time to "rid out" some of it.

So, we started!! The painter doing his thing — and me doing mine!! I went from closet to closet. I removed all the clothing, the boxes, and the miscellaneous items. No problem. The closets emptied nicely. The trouble came when the painter had the walls all freshly painted, the floors had been vacuumed and the shelves all wiped clean. What should go back into the closets?

I started the sorting process. Too little! Worn out! Outdated! Would you believe I had costumes which the children had worn in kindergarten? Our children are now 19, 22, 26, and 29 years old. I had dresses of all sizes, one of which I had worn when my sisters and I sang as The Morris Sisters (some of you will remember those days). I also found in each closet some types of memoirs — the irreplaceable treasures stored in cardboard boxes.

Well, I am pleased to say that the end result is quite nice. I have given away stacks of clothes — which were no longer of use to any of us. I have packed six big boxes of items to use for our annual Feast of Ingathering Yard Sale. I have sorted and organized the keepsakes. We can now get to the clothing and items which are suitable for current use without all that clutter to wade through. What a rewarding feeling!

You know, I wonder if our spiritual closets are not sometimes overcrowded just as our storage closets may be. Are we hanging on to things that are not appropriate for this season of our lives? Are we struggling through all the clutter of yesteryear to get to what fits us today? Are we hoping, without hope, to fit back into time the way it was back then?

What a relief it might be to get rid of some of the clutter of our spiritual lives! We might need to have a good closet cleaning and sort out that which is no longer useful or needed.

Now, mind you, just as I could not eliminate the memoirs that are so meaningful from my closets, there are some treasures in our spiritual closets which we must retain. There are those values and convictions that we each have that fit us uniquely — and we must keep those. They will stand the test of time and never be outdated if they truly are from God.

Maybe the beginning of a new year is a good time for us to take inventory. If you are hanging on to a position in your church which no longer fits you, perhaps God has another person just waiting in the wings who would wear that job well. Give it away! If you are still trying to use the methods and modes of the 1950's, perhaps it's time to realize that we are approaching 2000 — and methods change. Replace the old style with something right for today! If you are holding a grudge that has made a smudge on the walls of your heart, let it go and make things right. Take a really good look inside your spirituality — and "rid out " the things that are hindering you from being at your best in His service.

You'll really feel good when the walls are clean, the floor is vacuumed, and the closet is neatly and appropriately arranged.

Harvest Train Celebration 1995...

To kick off Harvest Train, on Monday evening, November 20th, we gathered at the Gospel Tabernacle PH Church in Dunn as the "Joyful Notes Children's Choir" (directed by Ms. Bonita Phillips) presented the musical, "You've Gotta Be Joshin' Us." The choir did an outstanding job. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication.

Tuesday morning the parking lot at Gospel Tabernacle was filled with trucks, vans, and other automobiles as everyone busily decorated the vehicles to be part of the Harvest Train Parade. What an experience! The faces of children were filled with joy and excitement as we approached Falcon Children's Home. They could hardly wait to fill their bags with the special treats of candy and other goodies.

Whistle While You Work was the theme of the Harvest Train Celebration program which was presented by the children and young people from Falcon Children's Home. Words cannot express what each of us felt as we were blessed by the beautiful voices of these young people. The setting of fall colors and the beautiful costumes were marvelous. Snow White and her seven dwarves and Winnie the Pooh and his bee friends were among the celebrities making appearances in the program.

The love for these children was expressed so uniquely when the staff and children sang, *"Each One Reach One."* God has truly blessed Falcon Children's Home with special people to minister to the needs of these children. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication of Rev. & Mrs. Wiley Clark and their staff.

We were honored to have Mrs. Doris Moore, General WM President, Mrs. Faye Leggett, General WM Vice President, Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, General WM Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Joyce Blease, General WM Board Member, present for the event, as well as the many Conference WM Presidents from all over the eastern United States.

To all in the local churches who have worked so hard to promote Harvest Train, we say ***THANK YOU!!*** In addition to the mass of commodities, the North Carolina Conference cash

offering was $107,286.66, and the total cash offering exceeded $200,000. These children have shoes, clothes, food, pillows, beds, and the other necessities of life because of YOU! Your many expressions of love and support have not gone unnoticed. As Rev. Clark expressed, "We are who we are because of who you are."

May the Lord continue to bless each of you as you reach out to meet the needs of those around you.

Patsy Deese, NCWM Benevolence Chairman

Start The New Year With Prayer ...

Pray the Word — and not amiss. As NCWM Director of Intercession, I have asked God to send a spirit of prayer among the ladies of the North Carolina Conference. I claim I Chronicles 16:11 which challenges us to seek the Lord, His strength and His face, and to do so continually.

If your private prayer seems ineffective and repetitious, I encourage you to pray the Word and not amiss. Take your Bible to your prayer closet, and even to the altar in your church. Open it and pray the Word. Leaf through the pages and pray those favorite scriptures you have marked down through the years. Pray aloud those precious promises and commands of our Lord.

As you read I Chronicles 16:12, which tells us to remember His marvelous works, begin to praise Him for your past blessings. Name them one by one.

As you read Haggai 1:14, ask God to stir your spirit to work for Him in the building of His Kingdom.

As you read II Chronicles 20:15, give thanks to the Lord that the battle is not ours, but His.

As you read Proverbs 22:6, ask God to give you the wisdom to train up your child in the way he should go.

John 15:3 tells us we are made clean through the Word. John 15:7 declares unto us if we abide in Christ and His Word abides in us, our prayers will be answered. John 17:17 says we are sanctified through the truth of the Word.

Ladies, I am convinced that the Word is our answer. Enrich your prayer life by praying the Word. Pick up your Bible right now, head for your prayer closet and join me in praying for a spirit of prayer among our ladies. Pray effectual, fervent prayers; and then stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Janice Marshburn, NCWM Board Member

Leadership Seminar January 27...

All local Women's Ministries officials will be offered a day of leadership training on Saturday, January 27, 1996. The session will be held at Whitley Pentecostal Holiness Church at Princeton. Pre-registration fee of $7.00 should be sent to Patsy Deese prior to January 15. All local WM presidents have information regarding this event.

NCWM Retreat Set for March 29 & 30...

"All In The Family" is the theme for the 1996 NCWM Retreat scheduled for March 29 & 30 at the Radisson Grand Resort Hotel, Fort Mill, S.C. Featured speakers are Debbie Whipple of Oklahoma City, OK, and Dr. Myrle Swincegood of New Bern, NC. Focus will be on the traditional family, the single-parent family, and the extended family. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-374-1234. Registration fee is $10 per person and is payable at the registration table at the retreat.

1996 Women's Ministries Theme...

JOY IN THE HOME is the theme for this third year of the quadrennial focus on *JOY THROUGH MINISTRY*. The suggested study course is from the book entitled LITTLE HOUSE ON THE FREEWAY by Tim Kimmel. The book may be obtained through Falcon Gospel Book Store or LifeSprings Resources.

Campbell Labels Needed...

We are very pleased that Mary Belle Johnson has accepted the Campbell Label Project Coordinator role and feel very confident that we will be able to see this project come to fruition under her direction. Many of you have been so faithful in sending in your labels, and we are eager to complete our labors toward getting the van for Falcon Children's Home. Please prepare your labels in the proper manner, count and label them, and then mail them to Linda Thomas, P.O. Box 337, Vanceboro, NC 28586. PLEASE DO NOT SEND LABELS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY PREPARED. EACH LOCAL WM PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARING LABELS.

Wilson District Director...

Mrs. Gail Davis of the Shiloh Church has accepted the position of WM District Director for the Wilson District. She replaces Mrs. Rose Hubbard who has moved to the Lumberton District due to the pastoral reassignment of her husband. Rose did a super job as the district director, and we appreciate the services she offered to the Wilson District. We know that Gail will also do a great job — as she has proven her leadership abilities as a local WM President.

7 Ways To Be Miserable

- Use the word "I" as often as possible.
- Take large doses of self pity.
- Do not give credit to anyone else.
- Never forget when you are criticized or rejected. Plan to get even.
- Trust no one but yourself.
- Sulk if people are not grateful to you.
- Avoid getting involved or tied down.

— Copied

A Housekeeping Tip...

After the use of Christmas candles around your house, you may have candle wax stains. Stubborn candle wax may be removed from linens or carpeting by pressing a warm iron over a paper towel directly on the spot. Continue until wax melts and is absorbed into paper towel.

Happy New Year

From

Linda, Sue, Patsy, Phyllis, & Janice

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Family Worship Center

The Family Worship Center, Pastor James (Bill Gill), will be having a new home. The congregation has purchased approximately five acres just outside Angier on Hwy. 210.

This is an excellent new location and a prime piece of land. Their desire is to raise the additional funds to build a first stage Worship Center. They have presently raised some $60,000 toward this new building.

Our prayers are with Pastor Gill and the congregation as they take this step of faith to minister to their community.

Evangelism Training Events — 1996

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Department will be sponsoring four categories of training for 1996. These are Elmer Towns Training Events (three), District Revitalization Training, the Conference Revitalization forum (monthly meetings), and various church workshops conducted by Director Thompson.

Elmer Towns

Elmer Towns of the Church Growth Seminar Institute, Lynchburg, VA, is no stranger to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has conducted numerous training events within the church, especially in the areas of Sunday School. He will be in the Conference for three Saturday days of training. These are April 27—Kinston First, June 1—Living Faith, Rocky Mount, and August 17—Gospel Tabernacle Church, Dunn. The seminar will go from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. His topic will be "How to Reach the Baby Boomer." The registration fee will be $20.00 per person. This will cover the cost of the registration packet, refreshment breaks, lunch, etc.

Pre-registration will be required. The training will be open to clergy and laity. Clergy members attending will get 5 CEU credits. Each of the days will be the same. The different dates and locations are for the convenience of the churches.

District Revitalization Training

Each of the twelve districts this year will be hosting a night, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., of revitalization training. Several of "our" pastors and their staff will speak on vital topics and issues that relate to revival and effective evangelism. These will be pastors that have successfully revitalized existing churches. Dates, places, speakers, etc., will be announced later.

Conference Revitalization Forum

The Conference Revitalization Forum is off to an excellent start. To date there have been three monthly meetings. It is not too late to join. The Forum is for pastors, church leaders, and laity who wish to turn their church around. The following dates have been set for 1996.

January 25, February 21, March 28, April 18, May 23, June 27, and August 13.

Each meeting is approximately 2 hours in length, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Clergy get 2 hours of CEU credits for attending. Issues discussed to date are revitalization, vision, and worship. The Lord is at work within the Conference.

(I recently received a fantastic article from Pastor Jim Whitfield, The First Church, Goldsboro. I thought the *Evangel* readers would enjoy it.)

"The Rapture" Draws over 9,000 to The First Church

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Goldsboro, NC, is experiencing revitalization through new methods of evangelism and outreach. Although The First Church has been in existence for 98 years, life and growth is still very much evident. While established methods of revival and outreach are being used, newer approaches to evangelism are also being implemented.

The past three years The Fist Church has offered the people of Goldsboro an alternative to Halloween using a new concept of walk-thru drama called "The Judgement House." This year's presentation of Judgement House" was entitled "The Rapture." The walk-thru drama ran for 13 nights as over 9,200 people attended the evangelistic effort. By the end of the 13th night 536 people had been saved, 712 recommitted their life to Christ, a total of 1,248 had testified to a life-changing experience.

Rev. Billy Rose, Associate Pastor, directed a cast of over 200 people for those nights of soul winning. Senior Pastor Jim Whitfield confronted everyone of the 9,200 people in groups of approximately 50 at the time about their destiny and their relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayer counselors dealt with each person responding to the invitation.

People came from 89 different kinds of churches from Pentecostal, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Catholic, Muslim, Atheist, and Satan worshippers. Over 200 people went to the prayer rooms who were not connected to any church. Entire families left the church premises arm in arm rejoicing over a new experience in Christ. To God be the glory for the great things He is doing.

The First Church is committed to having a full service ministry to all ages and groups. It's constantly expanding ministries to accommodate the needs of children, youth, young

ɔrtunities
, a Christ
dent, and
gles. The
ng a new
elping to

r" is now
ervice the
ttending.
ɔr greater

ı burning
ldsboro.

---

missions
d be even
ing these
nterested
tary Rose

96
6-3262

2
ng St.

4-6942

4412
ille, NC
738-1228

4010

2-8901
ıd St.

to give a
pport, to
the "GO"
naterials,
nnel. The
95 World

ıd mission
l missions
missions

gs is Rev.
Missions,

wo hours

---

ey for the

Central Luzon Conference
Christian Fellowship Center
San Francisco, Santa Ignacia, Tarlac, Philippines
$5,000

Indonesia
Bangsal behe (Kalimantan Barat)
Semi-permanent, $5,000

Pakistan
Kasur Town $2,500

Botswana
Palape Church
Completion of building: $10,000

South Africa
Great North Conference
Completion of church building: $10,000

Malawi
Completion of church building in Mzuzu: $10,000

Malawi
Roof of church building: $2,500

Zambia
Church Building: $10,000

Zambia
House of national leader: $15,000

Ivory Coast
Headquarter's church, conference office and training center: $30,000

Vietnam
New churches are needed: $2,000 helps to fund the starting of new churches

NATIONAL WORKERS

Cursum
Leadership-training program for Latin America needs a Latin American Director. Support needs of $1,500 per month, salary and travel.

Columbia, Bogota
$300 per month for pioneer, national church planter

Mexico, Guadalajara
$300 per month for pioneer, national church planter

PROJECT NEEDS

Philippines
Money to ship computers ($400 each). Five computers have been donated.

Cursum
Leadership Training Program for Latin America, books materials, and printing
Secretary: $1,000/month

Philippines
Bible School Students. Three schools in the Philippines need student support at $30 per month.
Urgent Need!

African ADVANCE
This training program for African National Workers is in need of funds for travel and classes. Missionary Betty Rogers heads up this program.

Departments of Evangelism and World

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Directo

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is li

Family Worship Center

The Family Worship Center, Pastor James (Bill Gill), will be having a new home. The congregation has purchased approximately five acres just outside Angier on Hwy. 210.

This is an excellent new location and a prime piece of land. Their desire is to raise the additional funds to build a first stage Worship Center. They have presently raised some $60,000 toward this new building.

Our prayers are with Pastor Gill and the congregation as they take this step of faith to minister to their community.

Evangelism Training Events — 1996

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Department will be sponsoring four categories of training for 1996. These are Elmer Towns Training Events (three), District Revitalization Training, the Conference Revitalization forum (monthly meetings), and various church workshops conducted by Director Thompson.

Elmer Towns

Elmer Towns of the Church Growth Seminar Institute, Lynchburg, VA, is no stranger to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has conducted numerous training events within the church, especially in the areas of Sunday School. He will be in the Conference for three Saturday days of training. These are April 27—Kinston First, June 1—Living Faith, Rocky Mount, and August 17—Gospel Tabernacle Church, Dunn. The seminar will go from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. His topic will be "How to Reach the Baby Boomer." The registration fee will be $20.00 per person. This will cover the cost of the registration packet, refreshment breaks, lunch, etc.

Pre-registration will be required. The training will be open to clergy and laity. Clergy members attending will get 5 CEU credits. Each of the days will be the same. The different dates and locations are for the convenience of the churches.

District Revitalization Training

Each of the twelve districts this year will be hosting a night, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., of revitalization training. Several of "our" pastors and their staff will speak on vital topics and issues that will be pas churches. later.

The Con start. To d not too late and laity w dates have January 27, and Au Each me to 9:00 p.m Issues dis worship. Th

(I recen Whitfield, readers wo

"Th

The Firs experienc evangelisn been in ex much evid outreach a also being i

The pas people of C concept of This year's "The Raptu 9,200 peopl 13th night life to Chri experience.

Rev. Bil 200 people Whitfield c approxima relationshi each perso

People Pentecost Episcopal worshipper were not c church pre in Christ. T

The Fir ministry t ministries

adults, mid-lifers, and senior adults. Ministry opportunities also include nursing home, hospital psychiatric unit, a Christ centered recovery program for the chemically dependent, and specialized ministry to the various needs of singles. The missions vision of The First Church includes planting a new church on foreign soil each year in addition to helping to support 12 missionaries.

An 18,500 square foot "Ministry Training Center" is now under construction which will help to train and service the ministry needs of the congregation of over 400 now attending. This additional facility will provide opportunity for greater outreach in the future.

Thank God for His revitalizing power and vision burning in the hearts of the people at The First Church of Goldsboro.

Missions Meals For 1996

Last year 381 individuals attended the annual missions meals. The meetings were fantastic. This year should be even better. Below is the necessary information concerning these kick off meetings for 1996 World Missions. Those interested in attending should call Director Thompson or Secretary Rose Nelson.

WORLD MISSIONS MEALS FACTS — 1996

Mon., Jan. 15	7:00 p.m.	Western Sizzlin (919) 446-3262 Hwy. 301 N. (By-Pass) Rocky Mount, NC
Tues., Jan. 16	11:00 a.m.	Bill's BBQ (919) 237-4372 Forrest Hill Rd & Downing St. Wilson, NC
	7:00 p.m.	Captain Willies' (910) 564-6942 Hwy. 421, Clinton, NC
Wed., Jan. 17	11:00 a.m.	Golden Corral (919) 756-4412 Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC
Thurs., Jan. 18	11:00 a.m.	Ryan's Steakhouse (910) 738-1228 I-95, Robeson Tech. Exit Lumberton, NC
	7:00 p.m.	Golden Corral (919) 638-4010 Hwy. 17, New Bern, NC
Fri., Jan. 19	11:00 a.m.	Western Sizzlin (910) 892-8901 Hwy. 421, W. Cumberland St. Dunn, NC

PURPOSE: The purpose of the missions meals is to give a personal word of appreciation for 1995 support, to introduce the promotion for 1996 (especially the "GO" Offering), to provide necessary promotional materials, and to train local church world missions personnel. The 1996 7-Star Achievement Awards for 1995 World Missions work will be awarded.

PARTICIPANTS: Those invited are all ministers, and mission workers and their spouses, missionaries, local missions directors and their spouses, and other world missions staff and their spouses.

SPEAKER: The invited speaker for the meetings is Rev. Harold Dalton, Assistant Director of World Missions, Oklahoma City.

TIME: Each meeting will last approximately two hours including the meal.

Top Priority Project Needs

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Guatemala
Lot for building a church: $13,000; the money for the building is already committed

Central Luzon Conference
Christian Fellowship Center
San Francisco, Santa Ignacia, Tarlac, Philippines
$5,000

Indonesia
Bangsal behe (Kalimantan Barat)
Semi-permanent, $5,000

Pakistan
Kasur Town $2,500

Botswana
Palape Church
Completion of building: $10,000

South Africa
Great North Conference
Completion of church building: $10,000

Malawi
Completion of church building in Mzuzu: $10,000

Malawi
Roof of church building: $2,500

Zambia
Church Building: $10,000

Zambia
House of national leader: $15,000

Ivory Coast
Headquarter's church, conference office and training center: $30,000

Vietnam
New churches are needed: $2,000 helps to fund the starting of new churches

NATIONAL WORKERS

Cursum
Leadership-training program for Latin America needs a Latin American Director. Support needs of $1,500 per month, salary and travel.

Columbia, Bogota
$300 per month for pioneer, national church planter

Mexico, Guadalajara
$300 per month for pioneer, national church planter

PROJECT NEEDS

Philippines
Money to ship computers ($400 each). Five computers have been donated.

Cursum
Leadership Training Program for Latin America, books materials, and printing
Secretary: $1,000/month

Philippines
Bible School Students. Three schools in the Philippines need student support at $30 per month.
Urgent Need!

African ADVANCE
This training program for African National Workers is in need of funds for travel and classes. Missionary Betty Rogers heads up this program.

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

The Christian Education Department

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT
OCTOBER 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Glad Tidings	400	----	354	----	180	209
Kinston First	662	----	226	----	321	234
Stedman	268	----	208	----	265	160
Gospel Tabernacle	441	45	202	40	330	261
The Capital	350	----	193	----	140	202
Whitley	269	----	182	----	225	211
The First	360	----	162	----	----	----
Shiloh WD	277	48	159	48	176	91
Greenville First	230	----	158	----	135	85
Mt. Carmel	329	----	133	----	180	132
Robersonville	188	----	133	----	174	118
Pine Level	204	16	128	16	34	24
Culberth Memorial	204	25	126	15	172	137
Harkers island	127	----	126	----	65	67
Tarboro First	214	100	124	51	233	120
Williamston	155	110	121	9	116	94
St. Pauls	132	----	116	----	132	91
Peniel	259	----	116	----	107	52
Lumberton	320	18	115	16	140	66
Wallace	186	20	113	16	67	66
Brentwood	125	----	112	----	135	138
Bizzell Grove	160	40	108	34	85	46
Smyrna	119	----	98	----	71	60
Wilson First	140	----	96	----	65	52
Harvest Temple	172	65	95	47	107	44
Roanoke Rapids	260	689	91	689	101	15
Clinton	108	----	89	----	----	----
Benson	167	43	88	44	50	63

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
St. Paul	156	----	86	----	40	39
Belfast	107	----	86	----	89	76
Sanford First	94	----	82	----	49	44
Baywood	106	----	82	----	120	54
Hope Mills	150	30	81	17	80	31
Bethany	151	8	81	21	109	46
Eastside	121	95	79	21	----	----
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	78	----	140	80
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	76	----	75	40
Pikes Crossroads	197	20	72	25	200	77
St. John	135	----	70	----	34	39
Stantonsburg	180	----	66	----	----	----
Roper	92	----	65	----	87	51
Rehoboth	137	----	64	----	----	----
Mount Olive	90	----	63	----	----	----
Selma	100	----	63	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	85	----	62	----	24	15
Moores Chapel	105	----	62	----	72	46
Brocks Chapel	156	----	61	----	91	36
Midway	141	31	61	24	81	35
Shiloh FD	89	----	60	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	65	----	60	----	30	24
Sharon	99	----	59	----	43	24
Winterville	95	----	58	----	----	----
Boardman	289	----	57	----	205	12
Hopewell	40	39	57	36	----	----
Taylors Chapel	117	----	56	----	----	----

(continued on page 9)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT
OCTOBER 1995 continued

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Holly Hill	108	----	56	----	104	27
Wilmington	142	----	54	----	142	25
Graham Memorial	100	----	54	----	54	28
Ebenezer	133	----	54	----	71	29
Thompson Chapel	104	----	52	----	59	35
Maranatha	56	----	52	----	25	40
Tabernacle	71	----	52	----	62	38
Emmanuel	90	----	50	----	50	42
Thunderswamp	102	----	50	----	----	----
Ayden	57	----	49	----	----	----
Aberdeen	82	----	49	----	57	22
Bridgeton	75	----	49	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	49	----	59	29
Westview	112	---	47	----	88	43
Shelmerdine	115	----	47	----	74	59
Goshen	76	----	47	----	36	32
Faith WD	65	209	46	209	----	----
Faith GD	57	----	46	----	14	12
Manleys Grove	124	----	46	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	81	----	46	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	45	----	65	32
Trinity CD	130	----	45	----	55	32
Spring Hope	60	----	45	----	55	44
Jacksonville	74	----	44	----	55	47
Thomas Chapel	126	----	43	----	66	19
New Covenant	39	----	43	----	29	25
Albritton	74	18	43	19	43	33
Trinity RMD	89	----	43	----	----	----
Hobgood	88	----	42	----	----	----
Jones Grove	64	----	42	----	----	----
Elizabethtown	73	10	42	10	----	----
Liberty	44	----	41	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	71	72	40	69	32	25
Red Springs	70	----	40	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	38	----	----	----
Friendship WD	88	----	38	----	51	39
Bailey	64	----	36	----	24	24
Calvary LD	31	----	36	----	----	----
Garland	61	----	36	----	----	----
New Vision	57	----	35	----	----	----
Kenly	89	----	35	----	----	----
Independence	46	----	35	----	23	29
Vaughns Chapel	103	----	34	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	34	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	34	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	34	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	33	----	----	----
Vanceboro	37	----	33	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	46	----	31	----	19	12
Wades Point	41	----	31	----	21	15
Living Waters	73	----	31	----	89	27
Heritage	59	----	30	----	72	41
Black Creek	53	----	29	----	----	----
New Hope	31	----	28	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	28	----	27	19
Plymouth	36	----	27	----	20	42
Spring of Living Water	37	----	26	----	29	23
Lowland	38	----	24	----	28	----
Alliance	42	----	24	----	44	10
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	23	----	30	12
Clayton	28	---	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	20	----	----	----
Middlesex	17	----	19	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	18	----	45	15
Alert	60	----	17	----	28	----
New Life	27	----	16	----	----	----
New Creation	15	----	15	----	----	----
Goose Creek	33	----	15	----	21	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	13	----	16	8
Wakelon	19	----	9	----	----	----
Micro	20	----	8	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	6	----	----	----
Winter Park	----	----	----	----	----	----
Total:	15,138	1,651	8,432	1,476	7,257	4,641
Average:	117	75	65	12	87	55
Count:	129	----	130	----	83	84

1996 DISTRICT TALENT & RANGER OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE

DISTRICT	CHURCH	DATE	TIME
Clinton Friday	Clinton First	February 23	7:30 p.m.
New Bern Morehead City Wilmington	New Bern First	February 24 Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Goldsboro	The First	February 26 Monday	7:30 p.m.
Wilson	Shiloh	February 27 Tuesday	7:30 p.m.
Lumberton	Mt. Olive	February 29 Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Raleigh	The Capital	March 1 Friday	7:30 p.m.
Fayetteville	Baywood	March 2 Saturday	9:00 a.m. - Juniors 1:00 p.m. - Teens
Williamston	Robersonville	March 4 Monday	7:30 p.m.
Rocky Mount	Tarboro First	March 8 Friday	7:30 p.m.
Greenville	Greenville First	March 9 Saturday	9:00 a.m. Until

There will be a $10.00 per single category charge on all solo entries. Entries of 2 or more will pay a $20.00 per single category charge. **The deadline date for registration is February 6, 1996.** No registrations will be received over the telephone; however, you may fax them directly to the C.E. Office at (910) 980-1634. **All rallies begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Use of the enclosed registration form is required.** Please make sure ALL information is legible. (Typed or printed preferred)

CREATIVE WRITING THEMES

Juniors — MY FAMILY AND ME

Teens — RIGHT FROM WRONG: Making The Right Choices

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson C24
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 | FEBRUARY, 1996 | NUMBER 2

"Just As I Am"

Just as I am – Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise, I believe.
O Lamb of God I come – I come

(Charlotte Elliott)

"men … understood the times and know what [the church] should do …"

I Chronicles 12:32

Seize the Future
Page 2

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

SEIZE THE FUTURE*

Yesterday's future is here today. Tomorrow's future vividly looms on the immediate horizon. It will soon be today. We must become more acquainted with our times if we are to reach the people the Lord wants us to reach with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can withdraw from our responsibility and die as a viable people of God, or we can employ the attitude and outlook of the spirit that seized hold of the sons of Issachar who understood their times. I choose to do the later. I challenge you to do likewise.

This day of opportunity has brought a tremendous maze of changes that have invaded the comfort zones that most of us have pulled about us for security reasons. Astronomical alterations in everything from business procedures to how and where we live, shop, receive education, and recreate have pervaded our culture.

The harvest field has changed. In my experience as a preacher of the gospel I can recall when 25 to 30% of a "revival" night congregation would not consider themselves "saved" but they understood they needed to be saved from sin, and they knew well what it would take to be saved. The scene has changed. Most of the "unsaved" do not attend a church service and do not understand the language we usually employ in "church talk" about their sins and need of the Savior.

We must adapt ourselves to a more aggressive lifestyle evangelism that assists us in reaching the lost where they are, accepting them as they are, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in them the life-changing revolutionary process we know they need. Many of them do not even know who Jesus Christ is; much less do they realize they need Him. They do know they have a void and emptiness in their lives. After all, we have been singing for a long time, "Just As I Am" as we come to Jesus for salvation. They need to know they can actually be loved for who they are right now. They may not hear that in our sermons, but they will recognize the fact when they see it is real in the lives of the Christian community. Just as the television is an extension of the ear, the precious sinner needs to realize the true Christian is an extension of the heart of God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

The big growth in population is expected to be strongly fueled by a strong annual birth rate by 2015 A.D. to surpass that of 1957 when baby boom reached its zenith. If Jesus tarries and projections are anywhere near right, some 326 million people will inhabit the United States 25 years from now. That is some 60 million more than now. Many, far too many, [one person is too many] will be lost for eternity if we do not intensify our witness and bond them to the family of God through discipleship endeavor.

Changes in our approach to touch the hearts and lives of those [for the most part] Bible and Church illiterates is a test for us. While we must not compromise scriptural truth to win them, we probably will need to be a bit more discriminating in our requirements imposed on the prospective converts. We must lead them with compassion and not criticism of them for the differences that exist between them and us.

I quote from the KIPLINGER WASHINGTON LETTER, volume 72, No. 51 [December 22, 1955], *"Changes Galore,"* with the new constantly replacing the old in our people mix, schools, jobs, technology and how we do business. What is really needed now is greater flexibility of mind and spirit." Someone has said that the only thing we know about the future, is that it will be different. I do know our Lord knows the future and I am committed to Him. I intend, by His grace, to be true to His Word and be His servant. I pray the Holy Spirit will open my eyes to see the harvest like He sees it.

In order for us to successfully represent our Lord in the dark, yet challenging hour of opportunity, we must be **authentic** Christians. That is the only sure way to please the Father and at the same time, touch the spiritually unsaved.

Let's seize the future by "knowing what the [church] should do" (I Chronicles 12:32).

**Denominational emphasis for 1996 International Pentecostal Holiness Church.*

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Bi-District Conference/ Evangelism Rallies – 7:30 p.m.

District	Location	Date	Speaker
Raleigh/Wilson	Shiloh	Thur., Feb. 1	Tommy McGee
RockyMount/ Williamston	Taboro First	Fri., Feb. 2	Tommy McGee
Lumberton/ Wilmington	Chadbourn	Mon., Feb. 5	Wesley Potter
Clinton/ Fayetteville	Gospel Tabernacle	Tues., Feb. 6	Wesley Potter
Goldsboro/ Greenville	The First	Thur., Feb. 8	Wesley Potter
Morehead City/ New Bern	Smyrna	Fri., Feb. 9	Wesley Potter

Brother Tommy McGee is Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Brother Wesley Potter pastors the Kingsway Pentecostal Holiness Church in Baltimore, Maryland, and serves as the Superintendent of the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Bring a great crowd from your pastorate.

Christian Worker's Institute Schedule of Services

Mon., Feb. 19 ..7:30 p.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
Tues., Feb. 20..9:00 a.m. .....(Devotion) Pastor Ronald Harrell
9:30 a.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
10:30 a.m. .....Break
10:45 a.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
11:45 a.m. .....Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
3:00 p.m. .....Break
3:15 p.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
4:15 p.m. .....Discussion Time with Dr. Weston
4:45 p.m. .....Dinner Break
7:30 p.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
Wed., Feb. 21...9:00 .am. .....(Devotion) Pastor Elton Bryan
9:30 a.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
10:30 a.m. .....Break
10:45 a.m. .....Dr. Owen Weston
11:45 a.m. .....Discussion Time with Dr. Weston
12:15 p.m. .....Benediction

**Rooms are available in the Blue Metal Dorm for $8.00/night. There is an additional $2.00 per person / night charge for three or more to the room. Rooms are rented on a first contact basis. Due to campus renovations, these are the only rooms available for this event. Dunn motels are available. Meals are not available on Campus due to the campus renovations in progress at the time.

Comfort Inn, Dunn (910) 892-1293
Best Western, Dunn (910) 892-2162
Ramada Inn, Dunn (910) 892-8101
Econo Lodge, Dunn (910) 892-6181

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Earl Turner

Couple Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Earl Turner of Wilson celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary December 31 with a renewing of their vows performed by Rev. T. Elwood Long of Falcon, N.C. with a reception following at the Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Hosts were the couple's children and spouses:
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Bunn of Wilson,
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Phillips of Black Creek
Mr. & Mrs. David Turner of Saratoga,
and the couple's sisters-in-law,
Mrs. Margie Ree Boykin,
Mrs. Mattie Ruth Boykin,
Mrs. Mary Lee Boykin,
Mrs. Alice Turner all of Wilson.

Approximately 87 guests attended. Mrs. Turner is the former Pattie Mae Boykin of Wilson. The couple was married December 31, 1955.

Superannuated Birthdays for February

Rev. W. Harold Lewis	February 7
Rev. J. Paul Jones	February 8
Rev. Mrs. Luetta Morris	February 10
Rev. George Casper	February 10
Rev. Clayton Guthrie	February 15
Rev. Walter Kelly White	February 19
Rev. Tim B. Henry	February 26

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

These three remain: faith, hope, and love. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE (I Corinthians 13:13 - NIV).

At the time of this writing, Christmas decorations have just been disassembled and packed back in attics all across America. And ... when the Christmas decorations are put away, we still see red for a while because in the stores and florists all around, the Valentine decor takes center stage. Jayne French, my good friend and fellow member of the Holly Hill Church family, has in the show window of her Farm Life Florist in downtown Vanceboro a huge red satin heart display. I passed the florist the other day, and noted that the Christmas display had been replaced with the heart, the symbol of love.

How appropriate that we go right out of the season of the greatest LOVE GIFT that mankind has ever received – the birth of Jesus – into the season of LOVE.

When I saw that beautiful red heart in the window the other day, my heart swelled with love for Jayne. You see, Jayne is very special to me for she was a little girl in the Primary Class at Sunday School many years ago when I was a very young adult and taught that class. I have watched her grow up into a lovely lady. I have watched her rear her son, Joe. I have observed the many acts of love and kindness she has committed. So when I saw that big red heart in her window with my natural eyes, my spiritual eyes saw Janye's big loving heart.

When we come to this season of the year, we are reminded of the many people in our lives who have exemplified to us what the red satin heart truly stands for. It might be easy for us to look at the heart and think only of the romantic side of love. Dim lights, soft music, gentle words ... yes, they are all a part of love that most people do cherish. But love is so much more!

If there is one word that comprehensively describes love, I believe that word is commitment. You see, that is one of the characteristics that I have seen in my friend over the years. Through the thick and thin, I have always been able to depend on Jayne.

The Bible gives us a clear definition of what love is – peace ... kindness ... truth ... protection ... trusting ... hopeful ... persevering ... unfailing. What a safe and serene environment! Just the descriptive words give us a feeling of well-being. How blessed it is to dwell in a place of love!

The Bible also tells us plainly what love is not – envious ... boastful ... proud ... rude ... self-seeking ... easily angered ... lover of evil ... unforgiving. These words create in us a totally different and insecure feeling. So many people today are living in this place. Many homes today are void of genuine love. So many so-called friendships are superficial. So much of today's mind-set is on the great "I" and what pleases self. There is a void of Biblical love.

Oh, how we need to go back to that Agape Love – Godly Love – for that is the root from which any true love must grow. Whether it is the love of mother and father, the love of a church friend (such as Jayne), the love of a child and parent, the love of a fellow worker, or the love of husband and wife, true love is founded in the fountain of Love.

Paul began his discourse on love by writing, "I will show you the most excellent way." What truth! What could be wrought in this world today if everyone acted from a motive of love!

Dream on, you say? I know! It seems that we are going in the opposite direction in many ways. But that does not mean that those of us who know truth can relinquish our responsibility to love. The scriptures are full of exhortations of love: "Love thy neighbour as thyself." "Love the Lord your God." "Love your enemies." "Love all the saints." "Women, love your husbands." "Husbands, love your wives.

Love is beautiful. So, the big red satin heart in the regal display reminds me of the beauty of love. So do the beautiful acts of kindness and words of encouragement that so many people offer from time to time. During this month of love, you may want to make some tangible contributions of love to special people in your life. It could be a pat on the back. Whatever method you choose to say *"I love you"* will bless the receiver.

Let us strive for that "more excellent way" as we remember ... **THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.**

GEMS

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the NC GEMS Board! 1995 brought many wonderful blessings across the North Carolina Conference, and it was an exceptional year of growth for GEMS. As you begin the new year, you may realize that your church needs this ministry for your girls. If the Holy Spirit leads you in this direction, please call me (919) 244-0550); we are here to assist you in this ministry. I also am here to help any of you in GEMS who need a word of encouragement or advice. We all realize the challenge that ministry brings; let us support one another.

Please be aware of **upcoming GEMS events.**

February 17 – GEMS Sturkie Training Course (Holiday Inn, Goldsboro)

April 14 – GEMS Day

April 26-27 – NC GEMS Retreat

A final prayer for you ...

Give us through the coming year quietness of mind.
Teach us to be patient and always to be kind.
Give us reassurance when everything goes wrong
so our faith remains unfaltering and our hope
and courage strong.
And show us that in quietness,
we can feel Your presence near
filling us with joy and peace
throughout the coming year.

Helen Steiner Rice

STRATEGY ...

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING? Aim at nothing and you'll hit it every time! Leaders must have a strategy. They must know how to get things done. A good strategy is composed of the following five things:

OBJECTIVES — the basic purpose of the organization.

GOALS — the specific ways in which the purposes of the organization will be measured and accomplished.

PRIORITIES — the factors that determine when and why things are done.

PLANNING — the process used to achieve the goals (includes personnel, resources, obstacles and evaluation).

GUIDELINES — the moral and ethical framework in which the organization will seek to accomplish its goals.

Organizations should have a philosophy of ministry which includes these five things. Every leader within that organization should be reminded of these things frequently. It is so easy to get sidetracked and off the main objectives and specific goals. It is the leader's responsibility to keep things on the right track.

LEADER'S CHECKLIST:

1. What are your objectives? List three major ones.
2. Write your own definition of an objective and a goal.
3. Do you have a philosophy of ministry? Does it include the five things mentioned?
4. Do you have a strategy for your personal life? Your family life? Your organizational life? Describe these strategies in one or two paragraphs each.
5. Are you able to set realistic goals? Specific goals? Name some of your goals for the year, the month, the week.
6. Does competition of adversity cause you to set more goals and try harder to reach them? Can you think of a recent example?

(From *Be A Leader People Follow* by David L. Hocking)

INTERCESSION NUGGET ...

The altar of incense was located within the Holy Place of the Tabernacle. On this altar the High Priest daily offered incense symbolizing the offering up of the believers' prayers. We are now granted the personal privilege of boldly approaching the Holy of Holies and offering up prayers of intercession for our unsaved, broken friends and loved ones.

This year let your daily prayers of intercession be a sweet smelling savor offered fervently before our Lord. Your prayer can and will make a difference.

Janice Marshburn
NCWN Director of Intercession

CURE FOR RAGGED NERVES...

Read Pslam 37.

Verse 1: Fret not ... because of evildoers.

Verse 3: Trust in the Lord and do good.

Verse 4: Delight ... in the Lord.

Verse 5: Commit thy way unto the Lord.

Verse 7: Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Fret not!

Verse 24: Though a good person may fall, he/she is not utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds with His hand!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism Ministries - Training Opportunities for 1996

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Ministry is fulfilling its mission – to emphasize personal soul-winning, revitalize churches, and plant new churches - will offer several training opportunities for 1996. It is hoped that the ministers and churches of the Conference will make use of every possible opportunity. The 1996 adopted theme is "Presenting the Gospel - HERE - there - EVERYWHERE." Each training opportunity will be focused toward this theme. Hopefully, the end result will be men and women, boys and girls, born into the family of God.

Conference Revitalization Forum

This is a monthly meeting (normally two hours) for pastors and local church lay leaders to discuss issues that relate to church revitalization. A key component of each meeting is intercessory prayer. At each meeting a different issue is analyzed, studied, and discussed. Various training and resource materials are distributed. Anyone may attend, but contact must be made with Director Thompson.

These are the scheduled dates for the future FORUMS:

January 25 (to be held at the Whitley Church),
February 21 (to be at Falcon),
March 28 (place to be announced),
April 18 (Tabernacle, Goldsboro),
May 23 (place to be announced),
June 27 (Shelmerdine Church), and
August 13 (place to be announced).

For each of the meetings, at least **two** hours of Continuing Education Credit will be awarded.

Christian Worker's Institute

February 19-21, Falcon

Dr. Owen Weston, presently from Oklahoma City, will be speaking on church revitalization. Dr. Weston is on staff with Evangelism USA and assisting Rev. James Leggett. He has been involved in helping several churches experience revival and become more effective in ministry. He has also planted four churches and assisted in the planting of many others.

Dr. Weston will be speaking on Monday night, Tuesday morning, afternoon, and evening, and Wednesday morning. Ministers who attend will receive eight hours of Continuing Education Credit.

"How To Reach The Baby Boomer"

Seminars with Elmer Towns

Elmer Towns is no stranger to the N.C. Conference. He has been in the Conference several times in workshop training. The Evangelism Department will be bringing him into the Conference for three days (Saturdays) of special training. His topic will be discussing the best methods to reach the "baby boomers."

The training dates are as follows:

April 20 — Kinston First
June 1 — Living Faith Church
August 17 — Gospel Tabernacle

Each day will be on Saturday. The seminars will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue through the day until 3:00 p.m. Ministers who attend will earn five hours of Continuing Education Credit.

These days of training are for clergy and laity. There will be a registration fee of $20.00. The fee includes registration materials, refreshments, and lunch. Registration will be through the Conference Evangelism Office — Secretary Rose Nelson.

District Revitalization Training

During the year each district will sponsor a Revitalization Training night. Two of the Conference pastors whose churches have experienced revival and revitalization will be speaking. The sessions will involve lecture, discussion, prayer, and materials. Speakers and dates will vary from district to district. The sessions will be open to clergy and laity. Cross-over from one district to the other will be allowed. For ministers who attend two hours, Continuing Education Units will be earned.

Times, dates, places, and speakers will be announced.

ıities are
locations
sts. The
starts in
hopefully
Hispanic

ıRS

ning, the
es for the
ented on
seminars
resource
possible
(lifestyle
believer),
Believer,"
base for
ge Lives"
e Church
vangelism

i

ved as of
Lord for

153 Churches have given this year (91%)
6 Churches gave last year but have not given this year.
6 Churches did not give last year and have not given this year
14 Churches gave this year that did not give last year.
10 Districts increased their giving.
4 Districts had 100% participation
7 Districts met their goal.

9% Over Goal of $140,000.00

21% Over Last Year's Offering

The Lumberton District has the largest *Percentage Increase* with 125% (District Director – Tim Creel)

The Vanceboro Church has the largest *Percentage Increase* – 2,197% ($50.00 to $1,148.54 – Pastor Aubrey Spear)

Lumberton First had the *Highest Amount Increase* – $7,450.00 ($1,050.00 to $8,500.00 – Pastor H. Ray Ward)

The total for the denomination was over $915,000.00

Goals for 1996 include $166,000.00 in the Conference and **ONE MILLION** for the denomination. With faithful people and the Lord's blessings, these goals can be reached. Global Outreach funds are used for:

- Planting New Churches in World Class Cities in the United States.
- Planting New Churches in World Class Cities around the World.
- Promotion of World Missions in the United States
- Support Field Projects
- Support for Missionaries and Field Workers

Promotional materials are available from the Conference Office.

the Future

ing toward 6 million by 2,000

ENT WILL ENABLE WORLD MISSION TO...

each the goal of six million people for Christ by 2000!
aries available for church planting projects.
tries.

rld Missions Ministries
al Pentecostal Holiness Church

H COMMITMENT DAY
ınday, March 3, 1996

Departments of Evangelism and World

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Directo

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is li

Evangelism Ministries - Training Opportunities for 1996

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Ministry is fulfilling its mission – to emphasize personal soul-winning, revitalize churches, and plant new churches - will offer several training opportunities for 1996. It is hoped that the ministers and churches of the Conference will make use of every possible opportunity. The 1996 adopted theme is "Presenting the Gospel - HERE - there - EVERYWHERE." Each training opportunity will be focused toward this theme. Hopefully, the end result will be men and women, boys and girls, born into the family of God.

Conference Revitalization Forum

This is a monthly meeting (normally two hours) for pastors and local church lay leaders to discuss issues that relate to church revitalization. A key component of each meeting is intercessory prayer. At each meeting a different issue is analyzed, studied, and discussed. Various training and resource materials are distributed. Anyone may attend, but contact must be made with Director Thompson.

These are the scheduled dates for the future FORUMS:

January 25 (to be held at the Whitley Church),
February 21 (to be at Falcon),
March 28 (place to be announced),
April 18 (Tabernacle, Goldsboro),
May 23 (place to be announced),
June 27 (Shelmerdine Church), and
August 13 (place to be announced).

For each of the meetings, at least **two** hours of Continuing Education Credit will be awarded.

Christian Worker's Institute

February 19-21, Falcon

Dr. Owen Weston, presently from Oklahoma City, will be speaking on church revitalization. Dr. Weston is on staff with Evangelism USA and assisting Rev. James Leggett. He has been involved in helping several churches
in minist
assisted ir

Dr. We
Tuesday
Wednesda
eight hour

"Ho

Elmer
He has b
workshop
bringing
(Saturda
discussir
boomers."

The tra
Ap
Ju
Au

Each d
begin at
3:00 p.m.
Continuin

These
will be a
registrat
Registrati
Office —

Di

During
Revitaliz
pastors w
revitalizat
lecture, di
dates will
be open t
to the oth
two hours

Times,

New Church Incubator

A series of lessons and training opportunities are available for new church planting. Times and locations are dependent upon needs and requests. The Department has set a goal of six new church starts in 1996 — three Anglo and three Hispanics (hopefully each district will ultimately have at least one Hispanic church).

Special Local Church Seminars

In addition to these special times of training, the Department offers special training opportunities for the local church. These seminars may be presented on Saturdays or week nights. Most of these seminars utilize lecture (with overheads), notebooks, resource materials, videos, discussion, etc. Some possible workshops include "Friendship Evangelism" (lifestyle evangelism), "Assimilation" (bonding the new believer), "Worship That Attracts and Holds the Non-Believer," "Growing In Love" (building a convictional base for personal evangelism), "Teaching to Change Lives" (workshops for teacher training), "Moving the Church Into Action," and many others. Contact the Evangelism Office for a complete list.

Global Outreach Offering

1995 was a fantastic year. The total received as of December 28 was $152,792.64. Praise the Lord for faithful churches.

153 Churches have given this year (91%)
6 Churches gave last year but have not given this year.
6 Churches did not give last year and have not given this year
14 Churches gave this year that did not give last year.
10 Districts increased their giving.
4 Districts had 100% participation
7 Districts met their goal.

9% Over Goal of $140,000.00
21% Over Last Year's Offering

The Lumberton District has the largest *Percentage Increase* with 125% (District Director – Tim Creel)

The Vanceboro Church has the largest *Percentage Increase* – 2,197% ($50.00 to $1,148.54 – Pastor Aubrey Spear)

Lumberton First had the *Highest Amount Increase* – $7,450.00 ($1,050.00 to $8,500.00 – Pastor H. Ray Ward)

The total for the denomination was over $915,000.00

Goals for 1996 include $166,000.00 in the Conference and **ONE MILLION** for the denomination. With faithful people and the Lord's blessings, these goals can be reached. Global Outreach funds are used for:

- Planting New Churches in World Class Cities in the United States.
- Planting New Churches in World Class Cities around the World.
- Promotion of World Missions in the United States
- Support Field Projects
- Support for Missionaries and Field Workers

Promotional materials are available from the Conference Office.

Seize the Future

Accelerating toward 6 million by 2,000

YOUR FAITH COMMITMENT WILL ENABLE WORLD MISSION TO...

- Increase the harvest force necessary to reach the goal of six million people for Christ by 2000!
- Increase the number of pioneer missionaries available for church planting projects.
- Increase the rate of entry into new countries.

World Missions Ministries
International Pentecostal Holiness Church

FAITH COMMITMENT DAY
Sunday, March 3, 1996

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

The Christian Education Department

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT
NOVEMBER 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	----	580	----	627	396
Kinston First	660	----	283	----	321	222
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	223	----	100	97
The First	360	----	205	----	----	----
The Capital	350	----	196	----	170	218
Gospel Tabernacle	453	45	194	39	334	307
Stedman	268	----	165	----	265	145
Greenville First	230	----	159	----	135	80
Shiloh WD	277	56	158	56	176	111
Tarboro First	214	100	146	40	233	144
Whitley	269	----	137	----	225	221
Brentwood	125	----	127	----	140	141
Mt. Carmel	329	----	124	----	180	131
Harkers Island	127	----	123	----	65	58
Lumberton	320	18	122	15	140	90
Pine Level	204	10	121	10	45	35
Robersonville	189	----	121	----	174	104
Peniel	259	----	112	----	107	52
St. Pauls	132	10	111	10	132	89
Williamston	164	10	111	8	134	92
Bizzell Grove	160	40	111	35	85	60
Wilson First	160	----	106	----	65	50
Evangel	419	12	104	14	234	81
Wallace	186	20	100	16	67	72
Culbreth Memorial	225	25	99	13	172	149
Millennium	178	37	95	36	90	53
Clinton	212	----	94	----	132	91
Smyrna	119	----	91	----	71	59
Harvest Temple	171	65	89	47	107	48
Belfast	109	----	87	----	89	78

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Bethany	151	8	83	21	109	47
St. Paul	156	----	83	----	40	26
Eastside	121	95	80	23	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	78	13	---	----
Benson	167	49	78	22	115	73
Roanoke Rapids	260	689	77	388	101	7
Pikes Crossroads	197	20	76	58	145	56
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	74	----	140	78
Baywood	106	----	72	----	120	41
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	72	----	75	45
St. John	135	----	72	----	34	43
Mount Olive	90	----	71	----	----	----
Bridgeton	75	----	68	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	156	----	67	----	91	47
Roper	91	----	66	----	86	52
Rehoboth	137	----	65	----	60	----
St. Matthew	73	----	63	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	105	----	62	----	72	44
Ayden	57	----	60	----	----	----
Sharon	99	----	60	----	43	22
Midway	141	31	59	25	81	40
Graham Memorial	100	----	59	----	54	29
Wilmington	142	----	57	----	142	23
Tyndall Grove	85	----	56	----	24	17
Trinity RMD	89	----	56	----	----	----
Holly Hill	108	----	55	----	104	29
Emmanuel	91	----	55	----	50	43
Shiloh FD	89	----	55	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	54	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	53	----	----	----

(continued on page 9)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT
NOVEMBER 1995 continued

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Ebenezer	133	----	53	----	71	31
Tabernacle	71	----	52	----	62	39
Thompson Chapel	104	----	52	----	59	29
Selma	90	----	52	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	117	----	51	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	50	----	49	33
Elizabethtown	70	10	49	11	----	----
Hamilton	79	----	49	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	81	----	49	----	----	----
Albritton	74	18	48	20	43	35
Spring Hope	60	----	47	----	55	52
Westview	112	----	46	----	88	50
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	46	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	46	----	----	----
Maranatha	56	----	45	----	25	40
Jones Grove	64	----	45	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	45	----	59	29
Hobgood	88	----	45	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	118	----	45	----	74	56
Jacksonville	74	----	45	----	25	24
Goshen	76	----	44	----	36	40
Broadman	290	----	44	----	201	28
Calvary LD	31	----	43	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	124	----	43	----	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	43	----	55	33
Faith GD	57	----	42	----	14	----
Thomas Chapel	126	----	42	----	63	15
Niagara	138	----	41	----	40	18
Carson Memorial	78	----	41	----	65	28
Kenly	88	----	41	----	----	----
Gethsemane	----	----	41	----	----	----
Friendship WD	88	----	40	----	52	10
Faith WD	65	209	40	226	----	----
New Vision	57	----	40	----	38	28
Scotland Neck	71	72	39	90	32	26
Hopewell	40	----	38	----	57	33
Warsaw	74	----	37	----	40	10
The Genesis	66	----	37	----	----	----
Snow Hill	141	----	36	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	36	----	----	----
Independence	46	----	36	----	23	24
Westmoreland	113	26	35	21	69	19
New Covenant	39	----	35	----	29	25
Bailey	64	----	35	----	24	24
Bethel	86	----	34	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	37	----	33	----	29	27
Grace Community	69	----	33	----	60	19
Living Waters	73	----	32	----	89	29
Plymouth	46	----	32	----	20	37
Garland	61	----	31	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	31	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	103	----	31	----	----	----
Sims	45	----	31	----	----	----
Washington	44	----	30	----	----	----
Wades Point	43	----	29	----	21	12
Black Creek	53	----	29	----	----	----
Heritage	59	----	28	----	72	40
Weldon	66	----	28	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	28	----	28	18
Vanceboro	39	----	28	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	27	----	27	21
Shekinah	55	----	26	----	20	17
Grifton	88	----	26	----	45	16
Alliance	70	----	24	----	44	10
Lowland	32	----	24	----	24	----
New Hope	31	----	24	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	23	----	30	15
Clayton	30	----	22	----	----	----
New Creation	19	----	19	----	----	----
Alert	57	----	18	----	28	----
Calvary Temple	39	----	16	----	19	8
New Life	27	----	15	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	15	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	13	----	16	9
Goose Creek	33	----	13	----	21	9
Swanquarter	----	----	13	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	19	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	8	----	----	----
Lighthouse	9	----	7	----	----	----
Micro	20	----	6	----	----	----
Total:	18,116	1,675	9,236	1,257	8,542	5,323
Average:	130	70	66	42	92	58
Count:	139	----	141	----	93	91

Buckaroo Straight Arrow

LTC APPLICATION

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Date Packet Sent: _____
Amount Received: $_____
Date Deposited: _____
Check #: _____
Amount Due: $_____

Christian Education Department
North Carolina Conference
March 29 - 31, 1996

Name _____ Phone No.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ Conference _____

Pastor _____ District _____

Position: (Check One) ❑ Senior Commander ❑ Pastor or Minister ❑ Outpost Councilmen ❑ Other ❑ Outpost Commander ❑ Lt. Commander

Age Level Most Involved With: (Check One) ❑ Straight Arrow ❑ Buckaroo ❑ Equal Involvement

LOCATION OF SCHOOL: CONFERENCE CAMPGROUNDS — FALCON, NC

All classes must be attended: Session 1 (Fri. a.m.) Session 2 (Fri. p.m.) Session 3 (Sat. a.m.) Session 4 (Sat. p.m.) Session 5 (Sun. a.m.)

A pre-registration fee of $55.00 **must** accompany this registration. This non-refundable fee covers the cost of the LTC Books and will be applied toward the full registration of $95.00. The remainder of this fee **must** be paid upon arrival. Checks should be earmarked "LTC," and mailed with application to:

NC CONFERENCE CE DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342-0060

Phone: (910) 980-1162 Fax: (910) 980-1634

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C207.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 MARCH, 1996 NUMBER 3

"Reshaping Your World View"

Page 2

"And what pity he felt for the crowds that came ... problems were great ... like sheep without a shepherd."

Matthew 9:36 TLB

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

SEIZE THE FUTURE BY CATCHING A VISION OF TODAY'S WORLD

The following article seized my attention in a most vivid way. I trust it will inspire you to thrust yourself into His Harvest in an unprecedented way.

"Reshaping Your World View"

All of us view the world and life from the perspective of our own background and environment. In our pre-missionary days many friends in South Mississippi could not understand why we would go to Indonesia when there were churches without pastors and so many unchurched people in our community.

Most people's world view is quite small. It revolves around a small circle of family, neighbors and coworkers, and a fairly predictable daily schedule. We go to church and primarily relate to those with similar values, occasionally venturing outside our comfort zone to minister to the homeless, participate in a mission trip or visit a new family from a different region of the country. However, most of our conversation focuses on the familiar – grandchildren, the weather, current sports events, and the economy.

Television newscasts expose us to strange people and the names of places such as Bosnia, Chechnya, Vietnam or Kabul, but they are faraway and have little impact on our interests and lifestyles. What if we dared to reshape or enlarge our world view?

Would we understand what it means to live in some of the massive cities of the world such as Tokyo or Mexico City with 20 million people? Or what about Cairo, Hong King, Istanbul, Calcutta, or Buenos Aires, where skyscrapers and modern buildings are never out of sight, but you may have only a tarpaper shanty for a home, and your children are deprived of medical care and any hope of an education.

What would be our world view if the United States had the same population density as India, a nation of 900 million people in an area one-third the size of the United States? The population of the United States would be 2 billion. That would radically change our lifestyle and perspective on life.

Can you comprehend how you would view life if you were one of more than a billion Muslims locked into a fatalistic view that life is determined by an impersonal God, or a Buddhist in Thailand or Myanmar who saw your destiny as dependent on accumulated "karma" or good deeds? Those living in many parts of the Third world live in fear and superstition, constantly seeking to appease the spirits who control life in their animatic world view.

What is the world view of the millions of refugees, driven from their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs because of war, ethnic violence, and natural disasters? How does the world look when earthquakes, chronic drought or floods destroy what you have known as home for generations? How can we identify with the relationships and value systems of those who speak Mandarin, Hindi or Urdu?

Can you imagine what God's world view must be as He, who created such a diversity of people and societies, views this spinning planet with 5.6 billion people? His would be a very simple world view. He would see those who are fortunate enough to have been drawn into a redemptive relationship through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. And then He would see the pain and suffering, the hunger and hopelessness, and the dooming sting of the multitudes who are still separated from Him."*

As you contemplate God's response to a world lost in sin when He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, would you dare to reshape your world view to see the world as God sees it? "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them." Matthew 9:36.

Traditional world views have been shattered, and people are searching for new values and meaning in life. Only as we let God reshape our world view, will we see beyond our own community and culture and respond with compassion to a world waiting to know of God's love.

*Jerry A. Rankin

(Used by permission **The Commission,** January 1996.)

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

Men's Ministries

What a great year 1995 was for the Men's Ministries Department. Here is a quick review.

The NC Conference was second in the denomination in growth with fifteen new chapters. This is certainly confirmation that God is calling men into action as never before.

As Conference Director, I was privileged to participate in the missions kickoff in Greenville in January. In April I was invited to speak at Gospel Tabernacle's inaugural resurrection breakfast. Also in April, I participated in MM's National Leadership Conference in Fort Mill, SC, along with other Conference Directors and the National MM's Board of Directors.

The Promotional Conference at Falcon in June afforded me an opportunity to further promote the important work of Men's Ministries; and in July, I along with several other men, operated concessions for the Royal Rangers Pow Wow at Camp Tuscarora.

During August I was pleased to be able to speak to the men of the Smithfield Church and to the youth at Jones Grove in conjunction with their 1995 Youth Week Activities.

I am deeply appreciative of Superintendent Long's invitation to give the devotional at District Conferences in Morehead, Robersonville, Falcon, and Wilson in August and September, and for the opportunity to meet so many of you who are doing such an excellent job in your local churches.

The Eastern Regional MM's Conference, "A Gathering of Eagles," was held in Greensboro in September, and it was an honor to have been invited to speak and to see so many of you in attendance.

In October I was invited to visit the Scotland Neck Chapter, and in December Board members Gordon Knox and Charles Byrd and I had a wonderful time of fellowship at the Conference Christmas Dinner in Dunn. My year ended with another real honor as Brother Raymond Potter arranged for me to speak to the Golden "K" Kiwanis Club in Greenville.

I am exited about 1996. The MM's Board will appoint District Directors, a Conference Chaplain will be appointed, and chapter growth will continue.

Mark your calendars now for the 1996 Eastern Regional Conference set for September 27-28, and if your men have not been trained in Friendship Evangelism, this is the year.

Thanks to Superintendent Long, our conference officials, the MM's Board, our pastors, and especially to all the local chapter leaders and the men of the church for such a successful year. To God be the glory.

Phillip A. Mooring, Director
Men's Ministries Department
NC Conference

Superannuated Birthdays for March

Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Peter Ribis	March 6
Rev. Joseph Guthrie	March 17
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Cullen Gurganus	March 21
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown	March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart	March 29

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

Being the mother of three sons is a most rewarding experience and offers many challenging opportunities. I vividly recall that, during the early years of our sons' lives, we had many skinned knees, a few broken bones, and the usual brotherly confrontations. One special memory is that of Allen, when he was about four years old. The doorbell rang, and I went to the door to find him standing there proudly holding by the tail of a B-I-G, dead rat, (That was a Kodak moment!)

One of the greatest and most rewarding experiences of mothering our sons came through serving as den mother for their Cub Scout dens. I was recently purging files and came across some of the materials which I used for den meetings. One of the things that caught my eye — and brought back memories — was the kite-building, kite-flying project which we encountered each year in March.

Explicit instructions were given on building the kites. Many different styles and designs could be used, but one very important feature was the tail of the kite. In order for the kite to fly properly, the tail must offer the correct balance. I recall that each boy had to furnish his own materials. Sticks of all kinds came in for framework. Everything from newspaper to gift wrap paper showed up for the bodies. Fabrics of all colors were brought for tails. I furnished the sturdy and durable string for all the kites.

It was exciting to see the construction begin. Each boy's individual creativity came forth in his kite. There were large ones and small ones, box kites and Eddy bow kites, pretty ones and ugly ones! Each boy worked diligently, with great anticipation of the day when we would fly the kites.

Once completed, the date for flying the kites was set. Some years there was a strong wind; some years just a gentle breeze. With the right wind force, most of the boys were successful in some measure in their kite-flying efforts. I recall one year, though, when there was just no wind at all. Without the wind they strained and struggled but could not make the kite fly. There was disappointment and confusion, but we did not throw the kites away and quit. Instead, we chose to try again on another day. Eventually, we were able to fly the kites.

I see an analogy of our spiritual lives in their experiences. The scripture tells us in Acts of the Holy Spirit's coming like a mighty rushing wind. Before we can experience the thrill of flying our spiritual kites, there is preparation to be made. We each bring to our Christian experiences our own unique personalities. We do not all build by the same pattern nor with the same materials. However, we must be sure to build our kites of materials which will fly. Materials that are weighted down with sin hinder us from ascending into the presence of the WIND. The tails that we put on our kites must be in balance with the Word of God. God has furnished the string (prayer), and it is up to us to use that sturdy and strong means of contact with the WIND.

Many times in our Christian experience, the WIND OF THE SPIRIT blows strong. All we have to do is just make ourselves available and hold onto the string (prayer, Bible study, worship), and our kites soar high. Then there are those times when the GENTLE BREEZE OF THE SPIRIT blows. Our spirits are gently rocked in that breeze, and we float along with the greatest of spiritual ease. BUT, there are those times in our lives when the wind seems to be dead. We pray! We read the Word! We continue to offer praise and worship! Yet our spirits still drag the ground! We look around for some visible sign of the wind. It seems that nothing is stirring. But we don't give up! We come to God again the next day, knowing that somewhere the wind is blowing, and it will blow again for us. We keep our kites ready to catch the wind. We hold onto the string, and just in time, we feel the tug begin. Before we know it, we are running along and feeling the kite ascend into the sky.

Yes, there are times, too, when the kite will crash! Sometimes, even when the wind is blowing just right, we might be out of tune with its force. With our own efforts (not always intentionally), we might cause the kite to lose its place in the wind. Crashing may tear the body, break a stick, or cause the tail to tangle; but we don't throw the kite away. We ask God for mending (forgiveness), and then run (praise and worship) with string (prayer) in hand, and soon we feel the tug of the WIND OF THE SPIRIT lifting us up again.

When the March winds start blowing, I hope we can recall the logic of the kite. Out there somewhere there is a WIND. Keep your spiritual weather vane up and your kite ready to fly!

Intercession Nugget...

Have you received your copy yet? I was so excited to get mine! The shiny royal blue cover with the words Link To The World written in gold is so stunning. The first paragraph on page 5 reminds us that, as children of the Lord, we are to be intercessors. An intercessor is one who is in such vital contact with God and with fellowman that he is like a live wire closing the gap between the saving power of God and the sinful men who have been cut off from that power. Are we standing in the gap for those in need of a touch from God? That is our duty, our privilege, and should be our desire.

The LINK, a 31-prayer guide, is a powerful prayer tool filled with information regarding every dimension of ministry outreach for the Pentecostal Holiness Church. If you do not have a Link, I encourage you to contact the Missions Department to receive your personal copy and become a faithful link in the chain of intercessions that strengthen the body of Christ and expand His global kingdom.

Janice Marshburn
NC WIN Director

Women of Faith

As I have served this last year as Fayetteville District Director, I have had the privilege of meeting many beautiful women. My heart has been overwhelmed with JOY as I have seen the variety of ministries and diversities of gifts within you. Women's Ministries ladies are WOMEN OF FAITH – with hearts to serve – with purpose and vision!.

For example, one group of ladies meets regularly to pray for their prodigal children. Another group has raised money to have their sanctuary painted. Many others have brought various commodities for Falcon Children's Home. One group gave a great amount of sugar, while another gave bedspreads. The list goes on and on.

Paul, the Apostle, in Romans 16, referred to certain women as "fellow-workers" and "helpers" in Christ Jesus and was quick to recognize their varied gifts and abilities and to praise their unceasing labors of love. Women have always played a leading role in the church and our ladies are continuing in that tradition. YOU MATTER TO HIM!

Patsy Payne, WM District Director
Fayetteville District

Patsy Payne is a native of North Carolina, a wife, mother of five children, and grandmother of eleven. She gave her heart to God at a young age. Patsy and her husband, Bob, have hosted several trips to Israel and historical Biblical places. She shares the love of Jesus in her everyday life. Patsy is a member of the Eastside Pentecostal Holiness Church and very active in Women's Ministries there. She has been in ministry for 31 years and has attended Dove Bible Institute and Carolina Bible College. She received her Exhorter Worker Certificate from Faith Evangelistic Ministry. She taught Sunday School in the Maryland Prison System.

Patsy's personal relationship with Jesus Christ has been a stronghold in her life.

She has personally experienced healing and knows what it is to have the assurance of God's love and grace to sustain in times of crisis.

Patsy and fellow Eastside WM members work on fund-raising project to support their local GEMS.

Baywood WM prepares for entertaining children from Falcon Children's Home in November 1995.

WM Supports ATAM ...

The second annual Alternative To Abortion Ministry Prayer Retreat was held in January in Myrtle Bach, SC. The retreat was under the direction of Rev. Marvin Whitfield, General Coordinator of ATAM Network. Bane and Barbara James, International WIN Co-Directors, were the guest speakers. Five separate prayer cells were activated twice during the retreat – one session on Friday night and the other on Saturday morning. WM Presidents from the South Carolina, Western North Carolina, and North Carolina Conference served as Prayer Cell Facilitators, along with WIN Directors from Eastern Virginia and Upper South Carolina and the North Carolina ATAM Coordinator.

NCWM President Linda Thomas facilitated the prayer cell for National Leaders and Medical Professionals. This session offered a time of interceding for Godly wisdom and Biblical direction for leaders and professionals who can directly impact the abortion issue.

Many WM groups in the North Carolina Conference have supported the Royal Home through finances, gifts for expectant mothers and babies, and some by providing volunteer services. Although ATAM is under the direction of Falcon Children's Home, Women's Ministries groups are encouraged to support this ministry.

Serving With Joy ...

The NCWM Leadership Seminar was held at Whitley PH Church, Princeton, NC, on Saturday, January 27, with approximately 350 ladies in attendance in spite of the stormy weather outside. Serving With Joy was the theme, and NCWM Board members and District Directors were dressed in keeping with the theme.

The day began with welcomes from Pastor Ferrell Hardison and local WM President Sue Langley. A time of praise and worship was led by the Whitley Praise and Worship Team. What a warm reception the Whitley folks gave the ladies as they worshiped and trained in the lovely new church.

Mrs. Dorothy Boyette set the tone for the day with her devotion on serving joyfully in the places God calls us. She shared personal examples of how God can magnify our efforts if we give our time and talents to serve Him.

Workshops were presented as follows: Happiness In Leadership by Linda Thomas; Service With A Smile by Sue Parker; GEMS Emphasis by Sandra McCandless; Happy Hearts Emphasis by Daisy Morris; Ministers' Wives Putting Joy In Ministry by Phyllis Harrell, Jean Williams, and Brenda Barefoot; Smiley Faces For Secretary-Treasurers by Patsy Deese; Whistle While You Work by Linda Thomas; and The Joy Of The Lord by Janice Marshburn.

The day ended with a real visitation of the Holy Spirit as Janice Marshburn led the ladies in a prayer of renewal and commitment. WM leaders who attended this session truly left with a new motivation and determination to Serve With Joy!!

Dates to Remember

March 29-30 – NCWM Retreat at Radisson Grande Resort in Charlotte. Theme: ALL IN THE FAMILY.
May 4 – WM Presidents' Council Time/place to be announced.
June 8 – 9 a.m. - noon. - WM Convention - Falcon Culbreth Tabernacle.

An Organizing Tip...

As you clean your home, take three bags around with you. Label the bags. PUT AWAY. THROW AWAY. GIVE AWAY. Any item you find which is out of place, put in proper bag. Dispose of the throw away bag; and at a convenient time, put away materials in proper places, sort items to be given away and deliver them promptly.

GEMS News

The new year has brought much activity into the world of GEMS. Ruth and I visited with ladies from Elizabethtown PH Church, who are so excited to be beginning this ministry with their girls. This is a thriving church; God is doing great things. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow and minister in their community.

GEMS from all over the North Carolina Conference made beautiful Valentines for the Golden Years Nursing Home residents to enjoy. GEMS creatively used the GEMS colors, blue, white, and gold, to send their love to these very special people. THANK YOU to all GEMS who participated. Your love showed in each Valentine.

1996 will be a year of new things for NC GEMS. Considering our wonderful turnout at last year's retreat at the current renovation at Falcon, we have planned some special events in place of a conference-wide retreat. Please mark your calendar now for the following upcoming events.

April 14: GEMS Day (Please plan now to make this an extra-special day for your GEMS)
April 27: NC GEMS Convention, Falcon, NC, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon (This event is the only planned conference-wide event to include all the GEMS and their sponsors. We are planning a very special convention, so please plan to attend.)
May 17-18: Regional Sleepover, Falcon Children's Home Activity Building, Friday, 8:00 p.m. - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Districts: Clinton, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Wilmington
July 19-20: Regional Sleepover, Wilson PH Church Family Life Center Friday, 8:00 p.m. - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Districts, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, and Wilson
August 2-3: Regional Sleepover, Robersonville PH Church Family Life Center, Friday, 8:00 p.m. - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Districts: Greenville, Morehead City, New Bern, and Williamston

We are very excited about our convention and the regional sleepovers. Each church will receive more detailed information. Already, these events are shaping up to be times you and your girls will not want to miss.

A Note of Sympathy . . .

Our deepest sympathy to Blanche Pollard, Happy Hearts Director, at the death of her husband John.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Department

Presents

"How To Reach The Baby Boomer"

Instructor: Dr. Elmer Towns

A recent Gallop poll reveals that three out of four (76%) of all new members joining American churches are Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964.) Their values are unlike those of any previous generation. They have a major influence on the body of Christ, for they are more and more churches' work force and financial depth.

We may not approve of all the traits we see in the Boomers, but it is vitally important for us to analyze and understand them. It will take new attitudes to reach America's largest and most influential generation. This seminar is prepared to help realize this goal.

At the seminar the participant will DISCOVER:

- **how** to select the method of evangelism that Baby Boomers best respond to.
- **how** to bond your members by actively involving them in the ministry, fellowship, education, worship, and stewardship of the local church
- **how** to incorporate the Baby Boomer into the body of Christ
- **how** to recognize the Boomer lifestyle, the values they hold, and the importance they will have on the church
- **how** to increase your lay involvement by 46%
- **how** to understand this generation (their desires, their dreams, and their ethics)
- **how** to understand why it is necessary for the church to appeal to them

This seminar could be the most crucial meeting you'll ever attend because it will help you understand the new principles needed to reach this generation. Plus, it will lead you through programs that have already been effectively implemented in many churches. This one-day seminar is for pastors **and** church leaders.

The presenter, Dr. Towns, is one of America's foremost authorities on Sunday School and church growth. He is no stranger to the N.C. Conference, having ministered several times within the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He is a dynamic educator, public speaker, and author having written many books.

The seminar starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Check in is at 8:30 a.m. The total cost is $12.00. This registration fee includes $5.00 for materials, refreshments, and day's training. **Lunch is not included (many local restaurants are close by).** Ministers will receive five hours of CEU credits for attending.

The seminar will be repeated three times within the Conference for convenience in location and schedule.

April 20 at the Kinston First Church, Kinston
June 1 at Living Faith, Rocky Mount
August 17 at Gospel Tabernacle, Dunn

It is requested that each church preregister for the seminar or seminars they wish to attend. However, this is not necessary.

For further information call the Conference Evangelism Office.

Announcing A New Church

The Glad Tidings Church, Morehead City, is giving birth to a new church on South Emerald Island. They have been meeting for some time in prayer and reflection. The mother and daughter group are very excited about the possibilities. Pastor Paul Loftin has resigned the pastorate at the Wilson First Church to pastor this new work. May the Lord bless and guide Brother Loftin and the membership of this new church.

Conference Revitalization Forum

This monthly meeting of pastors and laity for greater and effective outreach is doing very well. The meetings have been spiritually anointed and very informative. It is not too late to join. The next scheduled meetings are:

March 28 — Stedman Church
April 18 — Tabernacle, Goldsboro
May 23 — To Be Announced
June 27 — Shelmerdine
August 13 — Banquet, Graduation

EAR

another
This was
faithful
s are as

Increase
Increase
Increase
Increase
ıal what

was done in 1994 was in itself a miracle. (1994 was a 30% increase over 93.) But then to go beyond 1994 proved a second miracle.

With much prayer and reflection, the N.C. World Missions Committee has set the following goals for 1996.

Missions & USA Evangelism	$825,000.00
Missions	765,000.00
Global Outreach ("GO")	166,000.00
People to People	70,000.00

With the Lord's help and continued faithfulness, these goals will be reached.

R RECOGNITION SYSTEM

ystem (1995) compared to the Five Star Program of 1994. Notice the
n effort to increase the number of stars.

ırs	Churches At Each Level 1994	1995
	10	8
	20	8
	12	6
	23	14
	29	30
	75	37
	NA	34
	NA	30

ed in 1996. Stars may be earned by 1) Monthly Missions Offering,
es (Local Director, etc.), 40 "GO" Offering 5) People to People Support,
, 7) Special Projects.

lissions	Evangelism	People To People	Combined Totals
1.27	$ 606.25	$ 1,764.00	$ 73,311.52
1.04	500.00	2,224.00	56,365.04
3,27	378.22	1,206.44	41,637.93
0.86	250.01	707.00	31,657.87
7.50	1,412.50	4,827.00	29,007.00
9.05	1,582.50	3,066.00	26,837.55
0.00	2,840.00	1,218.00	20,498.00
7.64	2,345.15	2,935.00	19,817.79
5.00	875.00	250.00	19,310.00
0.93	131.25	990.00	17,812.18
5.00	4,155.00	180.00	17,400.00
0.25	2,331.75	1,719.00	16,991.00
9.54	250.00	468.00	16,397.54
5.00	2,635.15	2,759.00	15,739.15
5.00	750.00	388.00	13,693.00
2.50	437.50	700.60	12,930.60
2.91	384.30	355.00	11,192.21
8.25	1,007.75	629.00	10,505.00
5.00	140.00	4,186.16	9,871.16
7.50	212.50	236.00	9,286.00
6.50	685.50	216.00	8,978.00
2.50	737.50	1,689.00	8,839.00
9.45	600.00	396.00	6,865.45
5.00	1,475.00	291.00	6,681.00
5.82	662.50	1,165.77	6,634.09

Departments of Evangelism and World

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Direct

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is l

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Department

Presents

"How To Reach The Baby Boomer"

Instructor: Dr. Elmer Towns

A recent Gallop poll reveals that three out of four (76%) of all new members joining American churches are Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964.) Their values are unlike those of any previous generation. They have a major influence on the body of Christ, for they are more and more churches' work force and financial depth.

We may not approve of all the traits we see in the Boomers, but it is vitally important for us to analyze and understand them. It will take new attitudes to reach America's largest and most influential generation. This seminar is prepared to help realize this goal.

At the seminar the participant will DISCOVER:

- **how** to select the method of evangelism that Baby Boomers best respond to.
- **how** to bond your members by actively involving them in the ministry, fellowship, education, worship, and stewardship of the local church
- **how** to incorporate the Baby Boomer into the body of Christ
- **how** to recognize the Boomer lifestyle, the values they hold, and the importance they will have on the church
- **how** to increase your lay involvement by 46%
- **how** to understand this generation (their desires, their dreams, and their ethics)
- **how** to understand why it is necessary for the church to appeal to them

This seminar could be the most crucial meeting you'll ever attend because it will help you understand the new principles needed to reach this generation. Plus, it will lead you through programs that have already been effectively implemented in many churches. This one-day seminar is for pastors **and** church leaders.

The presenter, Dr. Towns, is one of America's foremost authorities on Sunday School and church growth. He is no stranger to the N.C. Conference, having ministered several times within the Pentecostal

Holiness
speaker, a
The se
concludes
cost is $1
materials
not incl
by). Mini
attending
The se
Conferenc
April 2
June 1
August
It is re
the sem
However,
For fu
Evangelis

The Gl
birth to a
have bee
reflection
excited al
resigned
pastor th
Brother
church.

Co

This m
and effect
have beer
is not too
March
April 1
May 23
June 2
August

1995 – Another Miraculous Year

The Lord blessed the N.C. Conference with another miraculous year in World Missions giving. This was due to the blessings of the Lord and the faithful sacrificial spirit of our people. The records are as follows:

Missions & USA Evangelism	$778, 117.94	1% Increase
Missions	737, 722.81	3% Increase
Global Outreach ("GO")	152,892.64	21% Increase
People to People	64,570.98	26% Increase

These are phenomenal records. Just to equal what was done in 1994 was in itself a miracle. (1994 was a 30% increase over 93.) But then to go beyond 1994 proved a second miracle.

With much prayer and reflection, the N.C. World Missions Committee has set the following goals for 1996.

Missions & USA Evangelism	$825,000.00
Missions	765,000.00
Global Outreach ("GO")	166,000.00
People to People	70,000.00

With the Lord's help and continued faithfulness, these goals will be reached.

STAR Recognition System

Below is a comparison of the Seven Star System (1995) compared to the Five Star Program of 1994. Notice the move upward. Just about every church made an effort to increase the number of stars.

	Churches At Each Level	
Number of Stars	1994	1995
0	10	8
1	20	8
2	12	6
3	23	14
4	29	30
5	75	37
6	NA	34
7	NA	30

The Seven Star System will also be followed in 1996. Stars may be earned by 1) Monthly Missions Offering, 2) Missionary Support 3) Promotional Activities (Local Director, etc.), 40 "GO" Offering 5) People to People Support, 6) Church Planting Support (USA or Missions), 7) Special Projects.

	Church	World Missions	Evangelism	People To People	Combined Totals
1	Northwood Temple	$ 70,941.27	$ 606.25	$ 1,764.00	$ 73,311.52
2	Glad Tidings	53,641.04	500.00	2,224.00	56,365.04
3	Gospel Tabernacle	40,053,27	378.22	1,206.44	41,637.93
4	Greenville First	30,700.86	250.01	707.00	31,657.87
5	Shiloh	22,767.50	1,412.50	4,827.00	29,007.00
6	Clinton	22,189.05	1,582.50	3,066.00	26,837.55
7	Lumberton	16,440.00	2,840.00	1,218.00	20,498.00
8	Kinston	14,537.64	2,345.15	2,935.00	19,817.79
9	Tarboro First	18,185.00	875.00	250.00	19,310.00
10	The Capital	16,690.93	131.25	990.00	17,812.18
11	Benson	13,065.00	4,155.00	180.00	17,400.00
12	Mount Carmel	12,940.25	2,331.75	1,719.00	16,991.00
13	The First	15,679.54	250.00	468.00	16,397.54
14	Peniel	10,345.00	2,635.15	2,759.00	15,739.15
15	Pikes Cross Roads	12,555.00	750.00	388.00	13,693.00
16	Living Faith	11,792.50	437.50	700.60	12,930.60
17	Bethany	10,452.91	384.30	355.00	11,192.21
18	Culbreth Memorial	8,868.25	1,007.75	629.00	10,505.00
19	Evangel	5,545.00	140.00	4,186.16	9,871.16
20	Evangelistic Temple	8,837.50	212.50	236.00	9,286.00
21	Bizzell Grove	8,076.50	685.50	216.00	8,978.00
22	Hope Mills	6,412.50	737.50	1,689.00	8,839.00
23	New Bern First	5,869.45	600.00	396.00	6,865.45
24	Goshen	4,915.00	1,475.00	291.00	6,681.00
25	Saint Pauls	4,805.82	662.50	1,165.77	6,634.09

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

The Christian Education Department

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT
DECEMBER 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	----	580	----	627	396
Glad Tidings	400	----	354	----	180	209
Kinston First	665	----	269	----	321	218
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	215	----	100	96
Gospel Tabernacle	426	45	196	38	330	241
The First	360	----	183	----	----	----
The Capital	350	----	182	----	170	202
Stedman	268	----	166	----	265	140
Shiloh WD	284	51	156	51	185	99
Greenville First	245	----	152	----	135	49
Mt. Carmel	330	----	139	----	180	116
Whitley	269	----	138	----	235	203
Culbreth Memorial	210	25	133	15	172	178
Robersonville	189	----	133	----	175	125
Harkers Island	131	----	132	----	65	52
Peniel	260	----	126	----	108	60
Pine Level	204	12	124	10	45	38
Bizzell Grove	161	40	123	25	85	43
Lumberton	320	18	121	13	140	62
St. Pauls	132	10	121	10	132	94
Chadbourn	203	----	120	----	174	100
Clinton	212	----	118	----	112	98
Brentwood	130	----	114	----	140	134
Tarboro First	214	100	112	84	233	128
Williamston	164	10	109	10	134	132
Wilson First	160	----	109	----	65	60
Wallace	194	20	107	16	67	66
Harvest Temple	171	65	100	47	107	46
Evangel	419	12	99	27	234	85
Smyrna	119	----	94	----	71	73
Bethany	155	5	88	21	109	43

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Benson	167	49	88	20	108	62
Belfast	109	----	87	----	89	81
St. Paul	156	----	82	----	40	23
Hope Mills	150	30	81	17	80	31
Pikes Crossroads	197	20	78	42	145	43
Living Faith Fell.	120	----	77	----	75	47
New Bern First	126	18	74	13	90	----
St. John	126	----	73	----	34	34
Eastside	121	95	70	23	----	----
Brocks Chapel	156	----	69	----	91	62
Hollands Chapel	65	----	68	----	30	24
Baywood	90	----	67	----	90	41
Rehoboth	137	----	66	----	----	----
Roper	92	----	65	----	87	62
Roanoke Rapids	260	495	64	392	101	10
Moores Chapel	109	----	63	----	75	43
Mount Olive	90	----	63	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	89	----	62	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	61	----	----	----
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	60	----	140	79
Emmanuel	92	----	58	----	50	42
Graham Memorial	100	----	58	----	54	32
Tyndall Grove	85	----	57	----	24	17
Winterville	95	----	56	----	----	----
Bridgeton	75	----	56	----	----	----
Ayden	57	----	56	----	----	----
Midway	141	31	55	25	81	33
Holly Hill	108	----	55	----	104	35
Selma	92	----	54	----	----	----
Thunderswamp	102	----	53	----	----	----

(continued on page 9)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT
DECEMBER 1995 continued

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Gethsemane	154	----	53	----	48	17
Tabernacle	71	----	53	----	62	36
Ebenezer	72	----	52	----	63	37
Sharon	99	----	52	----	43	19
Taylors Chapel	114	----	51	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	51	----	49	30
Westview	112	----	50	----	88	43
Maranatha	58	----	50	----	25	42
Shiloh FD	89	----	50	----	----	----
Jacksonville	74	----	50	----	25	24
Hamilton	79	----	49	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	49	----	142	28
Thompson Chapel	104	----	48	----	59	34
Trinity CD	130	----	48	----	55	31
Albritton	74	18	47	19	43	36
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	46	----	----	----
Aberdeen	78	----	46	----	68	18
Carson Memorial	78	----	45	----	65	28
Hodges Chapel	82	----	45	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	77	----	45	----	74	61
Liberty	44	----	44	----	----	----
Kenly	87	----	44	----	----	----
Faith GD	57	----	44	----	47	31
Manleys Grove	124	----	43	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	43	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	127	----	43	----	64	17
Elizabethtown	70	10	43	11	----	----
Spring Hope	60	----	42	----	55	52
Scotland Neck	71	72	41	36	32	26
Ahoskie	104	----	41	----	59	26
Warsaw	74	----	41	----	40	10
Hobgood	88	----	39	----	----	----
Goshen	76	----	39	----	36	35
Boardman	290	----	39	----	201	29
New Vision	58	----	39	----	38	28
Jones Grove	64	----	39	----	----	----
Westmoreland	116	26	38	21	71	24
Friendship WD	88	----	38	----	52	38
Niagara	138	----	38	----	40	15
Calvary LD	31	----	38	----	----	----
New Covenant	39	----	37	----	29	22
Grace Community	69	----	36	----	60	24
Snow Hill	141	----	36	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	35	----	----	----
Faith WD	65	209	35	63	----	----
Bailey	64	----	34	----	24	28
Plymouth	46	----	34	----	20	32
Weldon	66	----	34	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	34	----	----	----
Heritage	59	----	33	----	72	36
Hopewell	40	----	33	----	57	33
Independence	46	----	33	----	23	27
Vanceboro	39	----	33	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	52	----	33	----	27	19
Vaughans Chapel	103	----	33	----	----	----
The Genesis	66	----	33	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	37	----	31	----	30	27
Black Creek	55	----	33	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	30	----	----	----
Washington	44	----	30	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	41	----	30	----	----	----
Garland	61	----	30	----	----	----
Living Waters	73	----	30	----	89	25
Oak Ridge	64	----	30	----	28	15
Lowland	32	----	28	----	24	----
Sims	45	----	28	----	----	----
Wades Point	43	----	28	----	21	14
Shekinah	55	----	26	----	20	17
Calvary Temple	39	----	24	----	19	10
Grifton	88	----	23	----	45	19
Clayton	30	----	22	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	21	----	30	26
Alliance	40	----	20	----	44	10
New Hope	27	----	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	17	----	----	----
Alert	57	----	17	----	28	----
Middlesex	17	----	15	----	----	----
New Creation	10	----	15	----	----	----
New Life	27	----	14	----	----	----
Swanquarter	12	----	13	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Goose Creek	33	----	13	----	21	9
Sonlight	21	----	11	----	16	7
Wakelon	19	----	9	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	9	----	----	----
Lighthouse	9	----	8	----	----	----
Micro	20	----	7	----	----	----
Total:	19,103	1,486	9,873	1,049	9,055	5,592
Average:	128	59	67	36	92	58
Count:	148	----	148	----	98	97

Church Education Ministries Frequently Asked Questions FAQ SheeT

HONOR CE WORKERS WEEK

WHO?

Honor everyone in the local church (leaders, workers, and volunteers) who participates in conducting the ministries of the Christian Education Department. Including, but not limited to: Children's, Youth, Singles and Seniors' Ministries, Sunday School, GEMS, Royal Rangers, VBS and other outreach ministry events.

WHAT?

This is a special annual emphasis for appreciation of volunteer workers who make the ministries of the local church effective.

WHEN?

The second week of March is the official "emphasis week" to honor the CE workers.

WHERE?

This recognition can take place at an appreciation banquet in a nice facility hosted by the local church. Combining with other area churches a nice "thank you" event can be co-sponsored. The Sunday service climaxing the "Honor CE Workers Week" is also an excellent place to "honor those to whom honor is due."

WHY?

Publicity appreciating those who do so much to make the ministries of the local church effective obviously communicates a positive message to volunteer workers. It also allows the opportunity to highlight the good things that are happening in the church body and share areas where additional helpers can find a place to join in with the successful ministries of the church.

HOW?

Send thank you cards, arrange appreciation ceremonies, banquets, gifts and special services. Present certificates of appreciation available from the Conference CE Department (provided by CEM) and other forms of recognition.

Additional Help:

Contact your Conference Christian Education Director or Church Education Ministries (CEM).

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 APRIL 1996 NUMBER 4

The Amen, The Faithful, and True Witness

(page 2)

CELEBRATE EASTER

APRIL 7, 1996

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"
Romans 10:9.

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

THE AMEN, FAITHFUL, AND TRUE WITNESS

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain; ye are yet in your sins."

I Corinthians 15:17

The resurrection is the most vital truth of Christianity. The apostle Paul is not suggesting or insinuating the possibility that Christ is not raised from the dead. He is simply relating a foundational truth. The resurrection is so fundamentally basic to our salvation that if the resurrection had not occurred, we would all be eternally lost. If Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, the consequences for all humanity would be so devastating that our vocabularies are not sufficient to describe the chaotic condition that would exist. No New Testaments, no Christian homes, no Christian schools or colleges, no Christian influenced agencies of relief for the hungry, the naked or the sick; no lullabies of Jesus, hymns of faith and no comfort of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The absence of these and a multitude of numberless blessings would be the deplorable plight of all men.

The opening sentences of the letter to the Laodiceans call our Lord Jesus Christ, "...The Amen, the Faithful, and True Witness" Revelation 3:14. He is the Last Word! He, the risen Savior, is the validation of The Faith. He is the absolute confirmer of all truth.

He is the **Amen** of our **Salvation.** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

He is the **Amen** of our **Justification.** "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

We live in a world of constant insecurity for the human family. Fear and frustration consume the unregenerate and affect far too greatly the redeemed of the church. The risen Lord is the **Amen** of our **Security.** "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:33-34).

Let's be quick to flee to the safety of His security in times of stress and calamity. We can rest in sweet repose on His breast.

He is the **Amen** of our **Spiritual Existence.** This is an existence of identity and power. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10).

The risen Lord guarantees fairness in judgment for the human family. There are those who believe that they are unfairly treated and rightly they think. However, the **"Amen"** will remedy that too. Contemplate the glorious truth of Acts 17:31, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

The risen **Redeemer,** Jesus Christ, is our perfect **Prophet, Priest,** and **King!**

When all of earth's fashions, fads, and fumbles are decayed into oblivion, the **Amen** of our faith still lives. He is our **righteousness!** He is our **sanctifier!** The sacred garment of His shed blood is a mercy-covering for every penitent soul. He is the cleanser whose perfect work cannot be tarnished. In one of his devotional messages Spurgeon called Him "your husband who will never seek a divorce; your friend who sticks closer than a brother; your shepherd who is with you in death's dark valley."

It is like one great songwriter penned, "He's alive and I'm forgiven. Heaven's gates are open wide. He's Alive!"

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Second Class Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

If Easter Be Not True

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lillies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb–
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken Wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
The hope must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge–
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
"There foolishness the cross to bear;
He died in vain who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry,
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true?

If Easter be not true–
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize
Since Easter, aye is true!

–Henry H. Barstow, D.D.

Madison Elizabeth Wallace

November 30, 1995
8 lbs., 11 oz.
21 1/2 inches long

Sister of:
Nathan Michael Long-Wallace

Daughter of:
Kym & Wayne Wallace
Suffolk, VA

Granddaughter of:
Elwood & Slyvia B. Long

John Pollard
1918-1996

I wish to take this means of expressing appreciation to all of you who remembered John and me during his sickness and death. Beginning December 17, when he was admitted to Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern, God has been so real and faithful to both of us and the Holy Spirit ministered to us in such unusual ways. We did not realize all of God's plan at the beginning, but He prepared us together for the promotion He had instore for John on Friday, January 26, 1996, about 9:50 p.m., when the angel band came into Room 271 North in Pitt Memorial Medical Center in Greenville and escorted my faithful companion and best friend of thirty-two years, four months, into the presence of Jesus Christ. He passed from this life into the heavenly life with perfect peace. Through open heart surgery and complications, John never complained, but was so appreciative for the medical care he received, and the love and care family and friends were so supportive with.

On Monday, January 29, a celebration service of the Life of John Pollard was observed in the Holly Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church, of which he was a member.

→

REVEREND BILL MAYO

Pastor, Elizabeth City PHC

will conduct Revival Services

April 21-24, 1996

at Goshen Pentecostal Holiness Church, Suttontown, NC

Sunday Services: 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. • Weeknight at 7:30 p.m

For further information, call 910-594-1421 or 1942

Allen Mayo, Pastor

continued from page 3

Our pastor, Robert Whaley who had been so faithful to us, certainly celebrated his life so beautifully with great love and compassion. Pastor Jesse Blalock of Tarboro First expressed loving thoughts of how he knew "Brother Pollard." As the Men's Quartet of Holly Hill sang *"What A Day That Will Be,"* the presence of the Lord ministered to all. *"It Is Well With My Soul,"* sung by Delmar Tilghman, continued to lift the hearts and spirits of the great host and family and friends who filled the church. The beautiful music provided by pianist Sandra McCandless and organist Linda Thomas was so comforting. The anointing of the Holy Spirit made the difference in the entire service, and so many have expressed to me that they could never be the same after feeling the presence of the Lord on that day. Allow me to say: "To God be the Praise!" God is using John's Christian influence to continue to touch lives and make a difference.

To all of my Conference Family who came to the home, the family visitation at Wilkerson Funeral Chapel, funeral service, telephone calls, cards, letters, prayers, and everything. Thank you and may God continue His blessings upon you and yours. John loved all of you, and he knew that you loved him. Yes, it has been very difficult and is tough being without him at my side, but God has ministered to me and will continue. Please keep me in your prayers.

Blanche S. Pollard

Superannuated Birthdays For April

Rev. Samuel Williams	April 16
Rev. Rodney Knowles	April 22
Rev. Jettie Parker	April 24
Rev. Elton Lancaster	April 27
Rev. Mrs. Georgia Osborne	April 28

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
MEN'S MINISTRIES

News Release From Men's Ministries

Need Encouragement?

Encourage Your Pastor!

These are 10 wonderful ways to encourage and uplift the one who so often encourages you.

Taken from the "Promise Keepers" newsletter, Men's Ministries would like to pass this on to you. Use it and see firsthand that "he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25 NIV).

10 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PASTOR

1. Pray for your pastor and his family daily–especially asking God to encourage him.
2. Encourage your pastor to attend one of the "Promise Keepers" conferences. Consider asking your church to send the entire pastoral staff so they can work from a shared experience when they return.
3. Write your pastor a letter telling him all the specific ways God is using his ministry and gifts to bless you and your family.
4. Find out what needs fixing at your pastor's home, and then organize the men of your church to do the work.
5. When you know your pastor's spouse is stretched due to family illness, guests, ministry overload, etc., offer to provide a complete meal for the family.
6. Plan to creatively celebrate the birthdays of your church staff.
7. Give your pastor a coupon for a book of his choice at your local Christian bookstore.
8. Borrow you pastor's car to get it fully detailed and cleaned, and return it to him with a full tank of gas.
9. Provide your pastor and his wife with a romantic weekend away.
10. Ask your pastor if you can come and pray with him once a month for 15 minutes ... then do it!!

Easter Symbols

"Consider the attractive Easter Lilly which we so greatly admire. Its presence gives the real Easter touch to the service when it adorns the altar of the church. Like a benediction it goes into the room of sickness and radiates good cheer for days. What a luxury it is in the home! Yet all that glory of green stem and leaf, with white blossom, has come from an unattractive bulb and dark, yet life-giving soil. Wondrous the transformation from bulb to bloom! But how superbly it illustrates the great fact of the Resurrection." *Selected*

Risen

The Lord is risen indeed,
He is here for your love, for your need;
Not in the grave nor the sky,
But here where men live and die;
And true the word that was said,
"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

R. W. Gilder

One Day Apart

"Life up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart;
For Calvary day and Easter day,
Earth's saddest day and gladdest day,
Were just one day apart."

Selected

WIN

(World Intercession Network)

Every believer can live in touch with God. How? By prayer. What a thought! One of the privileges granted to us as Christians is the resource of prayer. It is a powerful weapon in the hands of God's children. How powerful and yet so underutilized is the promise of the writer of the book of Hebrews 4:16, "Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Some talk so much about the philosophy of prayer that there is little time for the practice of prayer. However, if you begin to search the scriptures, there are numerous references to the promises of prayer. As Christians we have an "opened door" invitation to the throne room of God. This access was achieved because of the work of our Savior on Calvary. One of the avenues of prayer is that of intercession. The great thrust of W.I.N. is intercessory prayer. Though behind the scenes, often unseen, the greatest advancement of the church is on its knees. We hear of great revivals taking place and continuing, of souls being brought into the kingdom of God, of doors being opened on the mission fields; yet these great triumphs do not take place except by prayer. Great victories are preceded by knee work (prayers and tears). Satan fights the church on every front, however I believe he focuses on keeping Christians off their knees. Christians, if Satan can defeat us on our knees, he can defeat us in every other area.

The society in which we live is complex. It seems as if man is increasingly more dependent on himself and his abilities and less dependent upon God. Yet in this society the opportunities for the church to expand and build God's kingdom are greater than ever. When individuals and churches will realize that and utilize intercessory prayer, great things will happen in spite of the enemy's efforts. Our Heavenly Father is interested in intercessors, and the lack of them concerned Him so greatly that to Ezekiel He said, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none."

Christians, lets equip ourselves with the weapon of prayer and become "gap fillers." Prayer warriors lifting up the hands of leaders, praying one for another, interceding for the unsaved. When God views the congregations of the North Carolina Conference, let there be a great host of "gap fillers." God stands ready to give revival and reap a harvest of souls, and I believe we want to be a part of that. The scriptures make it plain that the highest type of prayer is that which is made in behalf of others. Beginning with Abraham in Genesis as he prayed for Lot to be spared, and reaching higher in John 17 where Christ prayed His great intercessory prayer for His followers and for us, and culminating on the cross as the Savior cried out, "it is finished," the Bible proclaims intercessory prayer.

The scriptures teach us that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person carries much weight. Heaven responds to the intercession of the saints. The priority of the local W.I.N. ministry begins with the pastoral ministry of that local church. The pastor is not only the key to W.I.N. ministry in the church, he/she and his family must be surrounded with intercessory prayer. The enemy is making a special point in these days of all-out spiritual conflict to attack the spiritual leader, the pastor, and their families. W.I.N. must engage itself in the plea for revival, spiritual renewal, a harvest of souls, and local ministry arms (spokes of the wheel). The intercessory effort is expanded to include the conference and churches, the general church including the International Pentecostal Holiness Church worldwide. The intercessory effort must include local, state, and national leaders. There are a host of intercessory opportunities, yet an infinite God with a heavenly storehouse of riches that never ceases to be filled awaits to hear from us.

Pastors, give serious thought to the appointment of a W.I.N. director/captain if you haven't already. I believe that you and your local church ministries will begin to reap the benefits. The total ministry of the local church must be lubricated with prayer, effectual, fervent prayer that carries much weight.

Pastor, if you want information concerning W.I.N. ministry, I will be glad to put it into your hands; just give me a call at 1-910-980-1261 or 980-1481 or write me: Rev. J. Danny Nelson, P.O. Box 144, Falcon, NC 28342. Let us win others through WIN.

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda ...

April is a special month. It usually brings us to the first consistently warm weather of spring. This year it gets off to a beautiful beginning with Easter Sunday, a celebration of resurrection and life. It ends with our moving our clocks forward to daylight savings time – so we can cram more action into each day.

It is also the month when people begin to really enjoy the outside. Gardening is a favorite activity for most country folks. Whether a small bed of geraniums or a big vegetable garden, it is rewarding to put the seed in the soil and watch them respond to the April showers and warm sunshine.

Recently I was invited to speak for the state convention of Education Office Professionals in Greensboro. The overall theme for the past year had been *Sowing Seeds,* and the theme for the banquet, at which I gave the devotional, was *Life Is A Garden.* Let me share with you some of the thoughts of that message.

Life is a garden! When we think about a garden, we think of the harvest it produces. Whether that harvest is a beautiful bouquet for our den or a bountiful meal on our dining room table, it represents the fruit of our labors. But long before the harvest, the sowing of seeds must take place. How amazing it is to me that one can take a seemingly lifeless little dry seed, tuck it away in the bosom of mother earth, and she warms and nurtures it to life.

It is important to look at the seed. Have you ever planted seed from which nothing would grow? I have! I remember finding a package of seed in my pantry once that had been there for a long time. I didn't realize that they were outdated. I prepared the soil and planted the seed. I kept a close watch expecting to see tender plants appear, but they never did. I had waited too late to plant those seeds – they had lost their ability to reproduce.

I remember that my mother used to save seeds from her garden ... from the beans, okra, and especially those cabbage-collard seeds. She like those Kentucky Wonder string beans, and by saving her own seed, she was assured to have them when planting time came. However, if she had a blighted harvest, the seed were not as healthy and could not produce quality produce the next year. She would have to purchase good seeds that would produce the crop she wanted.

Each year Moma would put those seeds in a dark and cool place to wait until the right time of the year to sow them. Usually on Good Friday, the bean seed went into the ground. For you see, by that time Daddy had plowed up the soil, fertilized it, and had it ready to receive the seeds. Moma would examine the seeds. If she found one that had dried up, she would toss it aside and plant only the healthy ones.

After a few weeks, we were all exited to see the earth begin to crack open and a little tender sprouts push its way up toward the sun. I remember how some of those sprouts had such an unusual appearance that I could not understand how they would grow leaves, much less produce a vegetable. But daily they grew and took on the appearance of a plant. My mother nurtured and petted them. She kept the weeds out, softened the soil around them and pulled it up to the plant for support. She added a little fertilizer. When the string beans got a few inches tall, Daddy went out into the woods behind our house and cut bean poles and carefully placed them between the small plants. Soon, as the days became warmer and warmer, conditions were suitable for growth, the runners began to grow. They were tenderly placed in position to wind their way up that pole and soon produced blossoms. The blossoms seemed to magically turn into little beans. Before long our family was enjoying fresh string beans, complete with boiled potatoes and baked corn bread – not to mention that delicious fried chicken Moma cooked.

We had a big family – six children. It took a big garden to feed us all plus all the other farm workers and visiting relatives my mother cooked for every summer. But most of the time, we had vegetables to spare. If anyone came to our house who did not have a garden, before she left Moma took her to the garden to gather something to take home with her.

All this came as a result of sowing seeds! And so it is in our lives! Life can't be a garden if we do not sow the seed. God has embedded within each of us potential for fruit. Although we may feel that we are withered and dried up, as we expose ourselves to the warmth of the Holy Spirit and the SONshine of Christ's love, we can bring forth a bountiful harvest. Our fruit can add beauty and nourishment to those in our circle of influence.

It is important to look at our spiritual seed. If our seed is to bring forth good products, we must be careful how we nurture our own lives. We must guard against evil thoughts and harmful attitudes. We must treat our own bodies as the temples of God that they are designed to be. We must fill our minds and hearts with choice seed in order to reproduce a bountiful harvest.

Those seed must be stored carefully and ready for use

when the opportunity for planting comes. They may seem to stay in that dark, dry place for a long period of time, but sooner or later that seed will sprout forth and begin to grow in your own life. As your life begins to bear fruit to glorify God, you will influence others whose hearts have been prepared to receive the seed of your harvest.

Like my mother did her tender plants, we must also tend our spiritual ones. Nurture the thoughts and ideas that God plants within you bosom. Fertilize them with the Word of God. Support them by entwining the runners from them with daily prayer and communion with the Lord. When the tender blossoms appear, hide them from the storms of life and keep them from being washed away by finding shelter in the arms of God.

We must guard against the bad seed – for some will be mixed among the good in many instance. These seed are works of the flesh: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness,revellings. These seed do not produce life. For the scripture tells us that those who nurture these seed shall not inherit the kingdom of God. These seed must be tossed aside.

But the choice seed that will produce quality fruit must be nurtured to full maturity. When this is the case, our lives will produce a beautiful garden – beautiful fruit will be the result. Fruit such as love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

This is the harvest God expects from each of our gardens of life. This is the potential He has planted within each of us. It is up to us to make the choice of the fruit that we will bear. Will yours be works of the flesh that may be reproduced for generations to come in your children's children? Works that will hurt, hinder and ultimately destroy? Or will you choose to bear good fruit? Fruit that will produce quality seed for generations to come and that will bring blessings and life to those who follow after us!

Let's sow seeds of love and kindness, joy and peace, life and happiness. Let us make our garden one which will produce blessing for all around us – and one that will glorify the God of the Harvest.

Teresa's Thoughts...

As the Wilmington District Director, I usually include a small paragraph in my newsletters to share my thoughts with the WM presidents of my district. So, I would like to take just a moment to give you, the ladies of our conference and readers of *THE EVANGEL*, a few of my thoughts.

Isn't Women's Ministries just the greatest thing in the world? Each local WM is made up of the most wonderful ladies. All of them are different with different personalities and talents. We gather with our ladies and are able to share our thoughts, our prayer requests, our time and efforts with one another. There may be times when we feel down and out; but being able to share with one another, have them pray for and with us, just lifts and perks us up. There are times when we feel enthusiasm and excitement, and it seems to boost everyone else up. There is friendship and fellowship among our ladies as well as times of rolling up our sleeves and working.

As valuable as our families are to us and as important as our church family is to us, there is something extra special about being a part of Women's Ministries. We are able to cry and pray together, rejoice and worship together, and love one another unconditionally. All of these wonderful benefits and blessings through Women's Ministries are possible because of the foundation under Women's Ministries. That foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ. He inspired Mrs. Lila Berry and others to begin an arm of the church for the ladies. He knows we're special with special talents as well as unique needs. He needs us at work in His kingdom with our special ministries and touches for anyone with a need or problem. As He uses us and works through us in our church and community, He richly blesses us back.

Women have always played a very important part in our history and heritage. It was the Lord Jesus Christ, as He ministered on the earth those three short years, who elevated woman's position. Women have always worked for Him and will continue to help build His kingdom as we wait for His return. What better way to serve Him and minister for Him than through Women's Ministries. WM is a place to do just that – minister. It is also a place where ladies can receive ministry.

I would rather be a part of the Women's Ministries, work hard in my local group and participate in the wonderful conference activities than to be a member of the most elite "society" group. Really, there is no greater, no more special "group" than Women's Ministries.

Teresa Bradshaw, District Director
Wilmington District

Teresa grew up in a Christian home and in the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Portsmouth,Virginia. After high school graduation, she worked for the Christian Broadcasting Network for six years. She married Luke Bradshaw (pictured with Teresa, in 1974 and moved to Wallace, NC. They began attending the Wallace Pentecostal Holiness Church and have reared their daughters, Chrystal (age 20) and Jill age (18) in the church. Chrystal is a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Jill will be attending NCSU in Raleigh in the fall. Teresa teaches the Young Adult Sunday School Class and has just begun her seventh year as local WM president. She works as an accounting clerk at the Duplin County Department of Social Services.

A Note of Sympathy ...

Our deepest sympathy to NCWM vice president Sue Parker on the death of her mother, Mrs. Isabel Cashwell Matthews.

More WM News on page 10

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

God's Expectation From Scripture

Men live in what could well be the most exciting days of all recorded history. Advances in technology have made what was once thought impossible several years ago possible today. Electronic communications make it possible to communicate instantly around the world. Many people throughout the world are hearing the good news of salvation for the first time because of these technological breakthroughs.

The Church of Jesus Christ has both a privilege and a responsibility to reach the majority of the world's population who have never heard the gospel. Scripture reveals that the time of the second coming of Christ is directly related to the gospel of the kingdom preached as a testimony to all nations. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" Matthew 24:14. Yet, men cannot rely solely on satellite telecommunication systems to reach the world for Christ.

The New Testament clearly teaches that God has given some Christians special gifts and abilities to share their faith and proclaim the "good news." These individuals are the evangelists of the church. "And He gave some apostles, and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" Ephesians 4:11.

Not every Christian is an evangelist, but all can and should be witnesses for Jesus Christ. Some Christians are good at witnessing and some are not. GOD'S EXPECTATION IS THAT ALL WILL ENDEAVOR TO SHARE THE GOSPEL NEWS.

INDIVIDUALS REACH INDIVIDUALS

Christ's brief ministry on earth was sufficient to establish priorities and methods to carry His message of deliverance and salvation around the world. From a careful examination of the life of Christ, His strategy for winning the world is clear. There were a number of occasions in which Christ did minister to the masses. However, He spent most of His ministry with a few hand-picked individuals. It appears that Jesus' intention all along was to use individuals to reach other individuals with His message of salvation. The few disciples who were trained under His ministry would in turn teach and win others with the gospel. The Kingdom of God thus spread throughout the world through this one-on-one process of evangelism.

Jesus did say, [as you] "Go and make disciples" Matthew 28:18 NIV. What Jesus was really saying here was that while men are going in normal pursuits of life, they are to influence individuals for Christ. Most everyone in some way, shape, or form is always going. But is everyone daily influencing others for Jesus Christ?

The modern day Christian has often regarded personal evangelism as an option for a few, not a responsibility for all. This idea is contrary to the entire message of the scriptures. The teachings of Jesus indicate that every area of our lives affects our ability to communicate God's love to others.

FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Ministries of the North Carolina Conference in cooperation with the Men's Ministries developed an exciting new program to instruct and motivate the laity – men and women actively participating in evangelism. Since its inception some 1500 have completed the course and earned certificates. Some 487 within the Conference in 1995 earned certificates in classes sponsored by the Evangelism Department. Already in 1996 some 145 men and women have earned certificates in Conference training sessions. The course has now spread in use to the mission fields of Africa.

The Friendship Evangelism course trains and motivates individuals to be more actively involved in the harvest of souls. It is not exhaustive on the subject of soul-winning. Rather it will introduce Christians to the responsibility they have as members of Christ's church to reach their communities with the Gospel.

The purpose of the course is twofold. First, it will provide a scriptural basis for the dynamics of personal evangelism. Second, it will encourage the diversity of opportunities for evangelism that most Christians will find are readily available.

The course is built around six divisions:

- God's Expectation From Scripture
- Communicating The Essentials
- Face To Face
- Timing And Stair-Stepping
- Conversational Witnessing
- Bonding The New Believer

TWO THINGS ARE CERTAIN – MEN ARE DYING IN SIN, **AND** CHRISTIANS MUST WITNESS! The MOTTO of the Friendship Evangelism Course should be adopted – "This week, I'm going to tell someone about Jesus!"

Materials for the course–overhead masters, student books, teacher's books, etc. may be ordered from Men's Ministries, Fayetteville or Evangelism Ministries (Conference Office).

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES PRESENTS

Dr. Elmer Towns

"How To Reach The Baby Boomers"

April 20 – Kinston First
June 1 – Living Faith, Rocky Mount
August 17 – Gospel Tabernacle, Dunn

Registration: $12.00
For Clergy (5 CEU's) and LAITY

N.C. Conference Appreciation Gift Winners – 1995

Conference Winners

1) Largest Total Over Giving – John Hedgepeth – Northwood Temple – $73,311.52

2) Largest "GO" Percentage Increase – Aubrey Spear – Vanceboro – From $50.00 to $1,148.54 – 2,197%

3) Largest Overall Per Capita Giving – W.E. Price – Middlesex – $254.37 Per Capita

Each of the above Conference winners will receive a $100.00 bond placed in his name in the Loan Fund in Oklahoma City.

District Winners

Each year a gift is offered to the District Director who has the highest percentage increase in the Global Outreach Offering and Total Giving (Missions, USA Evangelism, and People to People). For 1995, District Director Tim Creel won both these gifts ($75.00 Loan Fund Bonds). The Lumberton District had the highest percent increase in both categories.

PASTOR APPRECIATION GIFTS

1996

World Evangelization Giving

World Missions Ministries and Evangelism USA

Local Churches

Each pastor with a **$500 or more increase** over last year's total world evangelization giving will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources will be given in each conference (one certificate per category) as shown below:

- Largest Total Overall Giving
- Largest GO Percentage Increase ($500 minimum total offering)
- Largest Overall Per Capita Giving ($500 minimum total offering)

1995 "GO" Appreciation Winners

CHURCH	NAME	AMOUNT OF INCREASE
Ebenezer	Bruce Avery	1,009.00
Robersonville	Noah Barefoot	537.21
Tarboro First	Jesse H. Blalock	500.00
Benson	L. B. Collins	620.00
Bridgeton	Kenneth R. Dixon	2,135.87
Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	2,092.00
Pikes Cross Rods	Charles A. Gentry	773.78
Grace Community	Ronnie Gurganus	500.00
Harkers Island	Clayton Guthrie	1,300.00
Jones Grove	Tony Hawley	555.00
Winterville	Bobby Howard	500.00
Wilson First	Paul Loftin	580.00
Wallace	Thomas McLaurin	812.60
Hope Mills	Kenny L. Milliken	540.00
Williamston	W. A. Mills	625.00
Saint Paul	Randy Reece	1,915.00
Baywood	Richard Robinson	500.00
East Side	Anthony Rogers	521.00
Pine Level	Chris Rooks	1,056.00
Vanceboro	Gene Aubrey Spear	1,098.54
Mount Carmel	Robert Strickland	557.00
Lumberton First	H. Ray Ward	7,450.00
Westview	Samuel Weaver	2,790.17
Thomas Chapel	Sidney Webb	655.30
Clinton	David Wheeler	830.00
Gospel Tabernacle	King E. White, Sr.	512.89
Kinston First	Bobby Williams	968.59
		$31,934.95

TOTAL GIVING

(Missions, USA Evangelism, People to People)

APPRECIATION WINNER FOR 1995 GIVING

CHURCH	NAME	AMOUNT OF INCREASE
Moore's Chapel	J. Michael Capps	1,293.00
Friendship, (New Bern Dist.)	Mike Carter	544.75
Mount Olive, (Lumberton Dist.)	Timothy Creel	558.00
Red Springs	Betty Dowdy	539.00
Shelmerdine	Jack Edmundson	885.74
Emmanuel	Frank Elliott	1,565.00
Wakelon	A. Dean Fulford	1,590.63
Family Worship Center	James W. Gill	1,500.00
Smyrna	Vance Harrell	2,367.00
The Capital	Roland L. Harrell	2,635.30
Harvest Fellowship	Danny Harris	709.00
Belhaven	Medford Hopkins	980.00
Trinity, (Rocky Mount Dist.)	Lotis C. Joyner	593.63
Clubreth Memorial	J. Danny Nelson	759.00
Glad Tidings	Maurice Phelps	11,384.14
Christian Chapel	Keith Rouse	544.00
Chadbourn	James A. Skinner	650.00
Warsaw	Robert L. Smith	600.60
Midway	George Terry	668.00
Alliance	Lee C. Toler	522.00
Sonlight	Patsy Vaughan	958.70
Maranatha	Marty Warren	725.00
Thompson Chapel	George Weaver	799.88
Sims	Paul E. Weaver	542.34
Ayden	Gary Webber	1,941.00
Hollands Chapel	Thad White	1,235.48
Jacksonville	Raymond Whitehurst	950.15
Greenville First	David Wood	8,947.88
Winter Park	L. James Young	1,030.25
		$48,020.27

Spotlight on Lumberton WM...

The Women's Ministries of the Lumberton First Church has been and continues to be a vital part of the work of the local church. Their love for the Lord and their church is the power behind their efforts. Three times a year (at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), they bake their delicious thin-layer chocolate cakes. An estimated 750 cakes are made each year. With the money they profit, they have contributed to Young Women's Ministries, GEMS, The Royal Home, Royal Rangers, community ministries and missions, as well as improvements to the church, fellowship hall, and parsonage.

Improvements to the fellowship hall over the last five years include new carpet, commercial refrigerator, upright freezer, large cook oven, sinks and new butcher block counter tops. In addition, they have purchased many items for the kitchen – from utensils to punch bowl and serving pieces. The ladies purchased a new stove for the parsonage as well as renovating the visiting ministers' quarters. The church most recently was blessed with new Bibles and hymnals for the pews.

We appreciate the work of the Women's Ministries. The ladies at Lumberton are truly "Serving with Joy" as they work to build the Kingdom.

Article submitted by Terri Hodge
Lumberton District Director

Taking orders and planning deliveries.

Lumberton ladies busy in the kitchen.

What would we do without our faithful husbands?

WM Rally Reports ...

LUMBERTON DISTRICT RALLY featured the St. Pauls Youth Drama Team at their February 23rd event at the Whiteville Church. The drama team presented skits and songs to portray their "That's Love" theme. District Director Terri Hodge and Lumberton District presidents make a great team. The worship, fellowship, and food were all wonderful.

WILLIAMSTON DISTRICT RALLY, under the direction of District Director Linda Askew, the district presidents, and the GEMS from that district, was a very informative session as Mrs. Joyce Whitfield gave a presentation on The Royal Home. Rev. Philip Bland presented the vision of Martin County Pregnancy Center and joyfully received the many gifts brought by the ladies to help furnish the new center. The Ahoskie Church Family Life Center was beautifully decorated for the "baby shower" and refreshments were served by the ladies.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT RALLY was a Love Fest. District Director Teresa Bradshaw gave everyone a loving welcome. The district GEMS presented a song and skit. NCWM Board Member Janice Marshburn brought a special devotion of the need of love in our lives and closed with a special time of the ladies and girls sharing love with each other. The Wilmington WM ladies served delicious refreshments.

Suggestions For Your Garden...

Plant three rows of squash:
- Squash gossip (James 3:16)
- Squash criticism (Matthew 7:4)
- Squash indifference (Matthew 22:5)

Plant three rows of peas:
- Purity (II Corinthians 7:1)
- Patience (James 5:7)
- Perseverance (I Corinthians 15:58)

Plant six rows of lettuce:
- Let us be unselfish and loyal. (Matthew 16:24)
- Let us be faithful to duty. (Luke 19:17)
- Let us search the Scriptures. (Acts 17:11)
- Let us not be weary in well doing. (Galatians 6:9)
- Let us be obedient in all things. (John 14:23)
- Let us love one another. (I John 4:7)

No garden is complete without turnips:
- Turn up for church, prayer meetings, Bible study. (Hebrews 10:25)
- Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult. (Proverbs 17:22)
- Turn up with determination to do your best for God's cause. (Romans 12:11)

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT, JANUARY 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Kinston First	669	----	273	----	321	254
Gospel Tabernacle	429	----	217	----	329	253
The First	360	----	200	----	----	----
Tarboro First	214	17	176	17	185	157
Stedman	280	----	169	----	251	170
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	164	----	100	105
Greenville First	240	----	159	----	80	80
Shiloh WD	284	44	159	44	185	100
Chadbourn	187	----	146	----	174	112
Mt. Carmel	330	----	142	----	180	95
Robersonville	190	----	142	----	175	138
Culbreth Memorial	217	25	132	10	172	155
Peniel	259	----	132	----	107	52
Williamston	164	11	126	11	132	97
Lumberton	322	16	125	13	140	95
Whitley	269	----	125	----	241	232
Bizzell Grove	161	40	125	33	85	55
Harkers Island	131	----	122	----	65	58
Brentwood	130	----	120	----	140	145
Wallace	194	----	117	----	67	81
Clinton	246	----	114	----	46	27
Wilson First	160	----	110	----	65	62
Pine Level	204	16	109	16	122	110
St. Pauls	132	10	108	10	132	93
Evangel	----	----	107	----	----	86
Benson	167	48	400	19	125	70
Harvest Temple	171	65	98	47	107	52
St. Paul	156	----	94	---	40	25
Belfast	109	----	92	----	89	50
Smyrna	----	91	----	----	----	62
Millennium	17	----	88	----	90	42
Bethany	155	5	83	22	109	51
Living Faith Fell.	120	----	75	----	86	57
New Bern First	126	----	73	----	----	----
St. John	126	----	73	----	34	47
Graham Memorial	100	----	69	----	54	32
Brocks Chapel	156	----	69	----	91	35
Pikes Crossroads	197	----	68	----	145	43
Eastside	202	20	68	20	----	----
Baywood	----	----	68	----	----	53
Rehoboth	139	----	66	----	----	----
Roper	89	----	65	----	84	56
Hollands Chapel	65	----	64	----	30	27
Moores Chapel	109	----	63	----	75	45
Mount Olive	90	----	63	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	61	----	----	----
Emmanuel	93	----	60	----	50	46
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	60	----	140	77
Trinity RMD	90	----	59	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	57	----	142	27
Midway	141	31	57	22	118	55
Tyndall Grove	85`	----	56	----	24	14
Holly Hill	108	----	56	----	102	32
Bridgeton	75	----	55	----	----	----
Tabernacle	71	----	54	----	62	37
Sanford First	94	----	53	----	49	33
Thompson Chapel	104	----	53	----	59	34
Winterville	95	----	53	----	----	----
Ebenezer	72	----	52	----	63	35
Shiloh FD	93	----	51	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	116	----	50	----	----	----
Maranatha	58	----	50	----	25	40
Elizabethtown	70	10	50	11	----	----
Selma	87	----	49	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	127	----	49	----	64	22
Hobgood	88	----	48	----	----	----
Kenly	87	----	48	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	47	----	88	53
Carson Memorial	78	----	46	----	65	29
Scotland Neck	71	----	46	----	----	27
Aberdeen	78	----	45	----	69	19
Westmoreland	116	----	45	----	71	30
Jacksonville	74	45	----	----	----	34
Sharon	99	----	45	----	43	24
New Vision	58	----	45	----	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	45	----	55	33
Faith GD	72	----	44	----	56	41
Warsaw	74	----	44	----	40	12
Albritton	74	19	43	19	43	27
Goshen	75	----	43	----	36	32
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	43	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	118	----	43	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	43	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	82	----	42	----	----	----
Boardman	205	----	41	----	201	34
Heritage	51	----	41	----	72	40
Red Springs	70	----	41	----	----	----
Friendship WD	88	----	41	----	52	38
Calvary LD	----	----	41	----	----	----
Independence	46	----	40	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	77	----	40	----	65	65
Ahoskie	104	----	40	----	59	27
Lyon Memorial	88	----	38	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	38	----	----	----
Grace Community	52	----	37	----	31	18
Faith WD	63	47	36	47	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	34	----	28	16
The Genesis	65	----	34	----	----	----
Jones Grove	64	----	34	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	32	----	33	----	30	26
Bailey	64	----	33	----	21	21
Hopewell	----	----	33	----	----	33
Vaughans Chapel	49	----	32	----	----	----
Garland	61	----	32	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	32	----	----	----
Vanceboro	38	----	31	----	----	----
New Covenant	39	----	30	----	29	15
Friendsh NBD	50	----	29	----	24	20
Wades Point	45	----	29	----	20	15
Lowland	32	----	28	----	24	----
Alliance	40	----	28	----	44	----
Sims	45	----	27	----	----	----
Plymouth	46	----	26	----	----	----
Living Waters	73	----	25	----	89	20
Black Creek	55	----	25	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	----	----	23	----	----	11
Clayton	34	----	23	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	21	----	45	15
New Hope	27	----	20	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	20	----	----	----
Shekinah	55	----	19	----	20	15
Middlesex	17	----	17	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	15	----	----	----
Sonlight	----	----	14	----	----	----
New Life	27	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	33	----	12	----	21	----
Alert	58	----	11	----	28	----
Windsor	13	----	10	----	----	----
Wakelon	19	----	9	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	5	----	----	----
Swanquarter	12	----	3	----	----	----
Total:	14,450	----	8,367	361	7,020	4,801
Average:	117	----	64	23	90	57
Count:	124	----	131	----	78	84

Help us Reach a Generation to Reach the World

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Church Education Ministries and you! Together we can provide help for our youth!

This year's Easter Emphasis Offering can provide a full-time National Youth Specialist to train local youth leaders and mobilize our young people for 21st century ministry.

Our goal is to raise $100,000 and develop the greatest youth ministry in our history.

$24,000 in matching funds is already available for every dollar above 50,000 that we raise.

Sunday April 7, 1996
The day history will be made for our young people. Be a part of the solution!

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Second-class postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C287.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

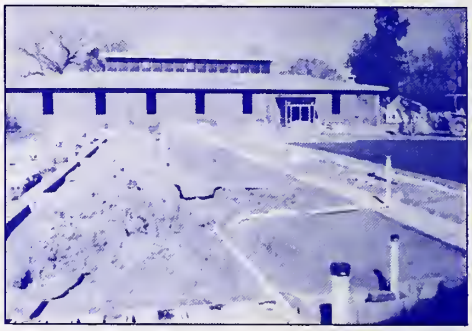
VOLUME 51 MAY 1996 NUMBER 5

MAY IS EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS MONTH

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Partial removal of the building



Soil preparation for new building

CONFERENCE CAFETERIA / TRAINING CENTER CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Regardless of wet weather and technical delays we're finally on the way to seeing a dream come true.

The prayers and financial support of every local church, minister and friend are urgently needed.

To this date 62 churches and 34 individual donors have contributed.

It's all gone.....

The foundation in.....

First stage inside demolition of cafeteria building

Cleared ground for new building

NEWS

–CHURCH NEWS–

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Rev. R. N. Hood . . . . . .May 19

Rev. Garland Edwards . . . . .May 20

Rev. W. M. Watkins . . . . . .May 20

Rev. Thomas E. Bizzell . . . . .May 21

Rev. Leonard Leggett . . . . . .May 25

Rev. Royce A. Beacham . . . . .May 29

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long .....Editor
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas.....Women's Ministries
Bobby Forehand .....Christian Education
D. Chris Thompson .....Evangelism
D. Chris Thompson.....World Missions
Phillip Mooring.....Men's Ministries

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long.....Superintendent
D. Chris Thompson.....Asst. Superintendent
Gary Strickland .....Secretary-Treasurer
Roland Harrell .....Board Member
Elton Bryan.....Board Member
Danny Nelson .....Board Member
David Wheeler .....Board Member

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

In Memory

O. T. Howard

REVEREND ODELL HOWARD

Brother O. T. Howard was a well-balanced Christian gentleman and pastor/leader. Services were conducted in his honor at Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church on Thursday, December 14, 1995. Pastor David Wood, his longtime friend Reverend Ralph R. Johnson, and Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long officiated. His former pastor of many years Reverend Frank Gentry officiated at the interment in Goldsboro, NC.

(There are so many things I could write about this grand servant of the Lord and the Church, but I have decided to let him speak for himself. Listen with your heart as well as your ear and it will seem as if you hear his voice. [TEL])

"I was born on June 9, 1909, in Jones County, North Carolina, to Jacob Alonza and Annie Baysden Howard. I was the third of seven children. My father built and maintained railroads for lumber companies and also did farming. We moved from place to place, and in 1923 we moved to Goldsboro, NC, just before my fourteenth birthday.

"I got a job as messenger with the Postal Telegraph Company for about four months, and then transferred to the Western Union Telegraph Company. During this time I began studying telegraphy, and September of 1925 I was sent to Morehead City as a clerk, where I remained for seven weeks. I then returned to the Goldsboro office and worked until Christmas. I quit this job and began studying for railroad work with the Atlantic Coast Line.

"In June 1926 I attended a revival in the Oak Street Pentecostal Holiness Church and was converted. I applied for a job with the Postal Telegraph Company as operator and continued there until March of 1928.

"In October of 1928 I entered what was then known as Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute in Greenville, SC, from which I graduated in May of 1935.

"The first three summers out of school I worked as a telegraph operator in various towns. The others were spent mostly in evangelistic work with my father in the churches he served. In October of 1933 I was licensed to preach in the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and was ordained in October of 1935.

"On July 1, 1935, I married Nellie Louise Lynch of Goldsboro, and in November we moved to Tarboro where I began my first pastorate. I continued this pastorate for six years, and during this time I also served the Wakelon, Rehoboth, and Roper churches. During the Tarboro pastorate four of our children were born: Betty Jo, Rachel, Bonnie, and Merritt J.

"In 1939 I was elected conference secretary and served in this office for 35 years.

"In 1941 I was assigned to the Whiteville church where I remained for four years. Our son Richard was born in Whiteville.

"From Whiteville, I went to the Clinton and Sharon churches. After one year the Clinton pastorate became full-time, and I continued it for two more years. During the Whiteville and Clinton pastorates, I also served the Elizabethtown church.

"I continued pastorates in Rocky Mount for four years, at the Emmanuel church in Raleigh for three years, the Goldsboro Tabernacle for one year, the St. Paul church for four years, the Shiloh church for seven years, the Belfast church for three years, and the Moore's Chapel church for four years."

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

"Everywhere he went, he shared the good news of Jesus' great love."

His eyes were filled with tears of joy, his voice cracked with deep emotion, his aging frame shook with the aged feelings of a pilgrim near the end of a long journey. His voice weak from years of proclaiming eternal truth took on new strength as O. T. Howard spoke his heart, "I am ready to go!" Unknown to any of us who shared that moment, in a few short weeks angels would serenade that warrior to his rest in the presence of his loving Lord.

Brother Howard's presence here at Greenville First was a source of blessing for all of us. His long life of modeling the walk and talk of a disciple was an inspiration to the old and young alike. He always made a point to express a deep appreciation for the truth of God's Word. He rejoiced in that truth, and it set him free.

Everywhere he went, he shared the good news of Jesus' great love. He is greatly missed here in Greenville, but, by God's grace we will see him and enjoy his fellowship again in the company of the redeemed.

Pastor David Wood

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

"The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord."

I came to know this man about the time I was saved in the old Goldsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was already a Christian and had a lot of influence on me. He was a very devout young man. He felt the call to the ministry with a strong leaning toward missions. In the fall of 1928 he enrolled in Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute and studied for the next seven years. In the Fall of 1929 I also entered Holmes. We rode the Southern train from Goldsboro to Greenville, SC. We roomed together for two years. He was a most cooperative roommate.

At the annual conference of 1933 he was granted license to preach. After finishing school, he and one of our greatest young women, Miss Nellie Lynch, were united in matrimony by Rev. Jerome Hodges at his residence on Daisy Street in Goldsboro. Together they made a good team for the Lord and the church. His first pastorate was Tarboro, followed by several more.

He was a good and faithful husband, a father, and dedicated pastor. Brother Howard was the best man I have ever known. The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord. May God bless the memory of this good man and sustain his lovely wife and children.

Ralph R. Johnson

In Memory

Leland Eatmon

REVEREND LELAND S. EATMON

(Brother Eatmon was a graceful, caring and humble man of faith. My memories of him are among the treasures I hold dear. I think no one can adequately tell the story like his brother, Reverend J. Everette Eatmon. [TEL])

Leland Samuel Eatmon was born in Wilson, NC, on November 22, 1934, into the home of J. A. [Jimmy] and Mary Worrell Eatmon. He was the last of seven children born into our home. He was preceded in death by his father and three brothers and is survived by two brothers Ernest R. Eatmon, Everette Eatmon, a sister Inez Evans, and his mother who is 93 years old.

In the early 1940's, two older brothers had gone off to the war in Europe. During that year revival came to the Wilson First Church where my family attended. It was almost a continuous long-lasting revival. During these revivals Leland, Inez, and I came to the Lord. Leland was seven years old, and it blesses me even now to remember how God blessed Leland. Leland, Inez, and I attended every service possible from then on. I remember staying as late as 4:00 a.m.

After returning from a stint in the U.S.A.F., I came home and answered the call to preach. Leland took great interest in my ministry and went with me to revivals I conducted. He stayed with me some of the time.

Leland felt the call to preach, and when I was pastoring Vanceboro, he answered the call. He preached his first sermon for me there. He received his Mission Worker's License, Local Preacher's and Ordination in the N. C. Conference. From the day that he yielded to the call until the day he died, I found him to be a Pentecostal Holiness preacher indeed: an uncompromising one.

He often invited me for revivals in the churches he pastored, and I often invited him to preach in my churches.

On the night of September 22, 1995, when I got the call telling me of his accident, my son drove me to the hospital in Pinehurst. We arrived about 2:00 a.m., and as we crossed the parking lot, I was met by my brother Randolph and he told me, "Leland didn't make it." No one will ever know the shock and the great loss that I suddenly felt. Not only my blood brother, but one of my closest friends and confidantes had suddenly left us.

My family told me that I was not physically able, if I was asked, to speak at his funeral. I knew then with the help of the God we both loved and labored for so many years that I would do it. On Monday at his funeral in the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wilson, I never felt God any nearer and His anointing any greater. God was there. His angels were all around us. The mighty power of the Holy Ghost was very real. For the first time in my life, we had an altar service at a funeral.

All of my life I had heard that if anything is perfect, you can't add anything to it or take anything from it to make it better. That day I knew that was not true, because my brother's homegoing brought heaven nearer and dearer to me. I'm made to realize that heaven is made of the best things and for the best people. Heaven just got better. I'll see him again in the morning in our Father's house, and those precious sheaves that He has gathered here will rejoice with us all.

Leland is survived by his wife Barbara Amerson Eatmon, two daughters Pamela Bennett and Barbara Ann Fail, and by a son Leland Samuel [Sammy] Eatmon, Jr. and two grandchildren, his pride and joy Kalin Bennett and Joshua Fail. Pray for them. They all are having trouble coping with this great loss. But this I know, on that resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise first, with new, glorified bodies, I'll see him again to part no never.

Everette Eatmon

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Leland Eatmon was born into the family of J. A. and Mary Worrell Eatmon on November 22, 1934. As a seven-year-old boy in 1941, he made the greatest decision of his life – to accept Christ as Savior. He is survived by his wife Barbara and three children – Pam, Barbara Ann, and Sammy.

There were three great calls in his life. The first call was his call to salvation. He became a POSSESSOR. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). As a Possessor of the greatest gift ever given, God had plans for him. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV). He walked in the new life as a young man born again, forgiven, and adopted into the family of God. He would possess a home in heaven because of his relationship with the owner – Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God.

He received a second call in the year 1966. He was thirty-two years old. "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:13)

He joined the N. C. Conference in 1966. He was recommended by such men of God as B. C. Horrell, O. T. Howard, and Everette Eatmon. His ordination was granted in 1968.

Leland Eatmon, because of the second call, was a PROCLAIMER, A PREACHER, of God's Word. He walked in the greatest profession of all times.

Say what you will, preaching has changed the direction of life – corporate and personal. It was Jesus who came preaching and in turn commanded His followers to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

When Isaiah stood up to preach, a whole new concept of holiness was born in the earth. When Jeremiah walked out of the fields of Anathoth to prophesy, a new morality came to a whole nation. When Amos left his plow in the furrows of Tekoa and began to preach, there emerged a new social justice. When Augustine proclaimed the Holy City, there came with it the dawn of a new conscience. When Francis went up and down the Village streets preaching, there came a new compassion for the poor and underprivileged. Through the preaching of Luther there blossomed in the earth a spiritual emancipation. The preaching of Calvin brought into being the birth of modern democracy. Through the preaching of John Wesley there was ushered in the age of the common man. The power of preaching has been felt in every generation.

For twenty-eight years he pastored in the N. C. Conference. Five churches were changed and blessed by his ministry. They were Stantonsburg, Taylors Chapel, Whitley, Calvary (Heritage), and Thomas Chapel. I met him first when he pastored Whitley. He opened the pulpit to my ministry. He was known for that – an encourager to younger ministers.

His third call came on September 23. It was a sudden call. It was an appointment with the Lord – absent in the body present with the Lord. He became a PARTICIPATOR. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). "Let us rejoice and be glad, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His wife [the bride] has made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7). He became a Participator in those who have gone on before, in those who are in heaven preparing for the imminent marriage supper of the bride.

This sudden death is not the end – it is not the beginning of the end – **it is the end of the beginning.** HE IS IN HEAVEN AS A PARTICIPATOR WITH CHRIST, WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS OF THE EARTH!

D. Chris Thompson

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda ...

Since the NCWM Retreat and witnessing the powerful *Joy In Intergenerational Family Relationships* workshop presented by Dr. Myrle Swicegood, my awareness of the impact of home life on children has been renewed.

This being the month of Mother's Day, I have been thinking about the role of the mother in developing the character of her children...and her children's children...and all the children who follow through the generations after her. Just as the genetic factor takes hold in our physical bodies, so do the values and character that a mother teaches and exemplifies in the home.

I am reminded of a poem by William Rose Wallace entitled "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World."*

Blessing on the hand of women! Angels guard its strength and grace,
In the palace, cottage, hovel; Oh, no matter where the place;
Would that never storms assailed it, Rainbows ever gently curled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

Infancy's the tender fountain; Power may with beauty flow,
Mother's first to guide the streamlets, From them souls unresting grow –
Grow on for the good or evil; Sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

Woman, how divine your mission here upon our natal sod!
Keep, oh, keep the young heart open always to the breath of God!
All true trophies of the ages from mother-love impearled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

Blessing on the hand of women! Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled with the worship in the sky –
Mingled where no tempest darkens; Rainbows evermore are hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

I believe this poem so emphatically expresses the influence of a mother. I can look back at my own childhood and recall the teachings and life example of my mother in shaping and molding my life. Today I hear myself saying to my own children to same "words of wisdom" that my mother said to me. I find myself thinking like I know she must have thought.

*Copied from POEMS THAT LIVE FOREVER, Selected by Hazel Felleman, Published by Doubleday

As I reflect on this, I look even further back in my mother's history. I never knew my great grandmothers or my father's mother, but my mother's mother (known to all her grandchildren as Mammy) was a very special person. She was a woman of strong constitution and principle. She gave birth to nine children, two of whom died in early childhood. Although her income was very limited, she made the best of their resources. She gardened and sewed and taught each of them to take responsibility. She was known in the neighborhood as the nurse, the midwife, and in some instances, the funeral director. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting for other people – at no charge. She canned vegetables and made jams and jellies. When friends and neighbors came by, many times they left with some of her goodies in hand. I believe Mammy had a Barnabus spirit – she was a helper.

Although my mother had a milder spirit than Mammy did, I so often saw the same loving, giving-of-self attribute exhibited in her life. Moma was always there when she was needed by family, friends, or a stranger passing through. She enjoyed people and valued friendships. She was a hard worker at home and yet found great joy in being a blessing to others. One of the things that she instilled in me was to always give others the benefit of any doubt. So often she would say, "If you can't say something good about someone, just don't say anything."

In preparing for this article, I asked our children to share some of the ways in which my mother, their grandmother, helped to shape their lives. Scott, our oldest son, who is now a practicing attorney, wrote as follows:

> The influence of past generations continues beyond the short time our mothers and grandmothers live in this world. Their values, beliefs and morals are carried on by their children and grandchildren left behind. My Grandmother Maggie died in 1984, but I can clearly see and remember her even today. She was always neatly dressed and had a kind word for everyone she came in contact with on a daily basis.
>
> Though she had nineteen grandchildren, she never passed up the opportunity to spend time with each one as an individual. I can remember her helping me with my homework as a child and instilling in me the importance of a good education. I can recall very clearly her helping me to learn the states and capitals. That is just one example of the individual time she spent with me. She lived with our family during several of my teenage years, and her support and encouragement guided me through that critical period.
>
> Though she suffered from very poor health during her last couple of years, she still put others first and was always ready with a helping hand. Even though my Grandmother Maggie is now deceased, she continues to play an importance role in my life. Her values and beliefs dwell in me and guide me daily as I strive to help others as she helped me.

Allen, our next son who is in graduate school, shared these remembrances:

> Some of my earliest remembrances are of spending numerous hot summer days at the farm house under Grandmoma Maggie's watchful eye as she hummed her favorite hymns. She was never too busy to spend time with us. I watched her closely with the big open eyes of a child. As I grew, there were many special things she did just for me. There were also times when I pushed the limits of what an adolescent should be doing. Then she would take me aside and in her own loving way offer me a firm reminder of right and wrong.
>
> At the time I did not realize the impact she was having on my life, but now I often think of her and remember how she was a hard worker and remember the words of wisdom she offered me. Her shining example and time she spent with me still help in shaping my life today. As long as I live, the strength of her character will help me in making life's decisions. Grandmoma Maggie's legacy will live on. Because of her Godly influence on me, my children will be affected by her life.

Brynn, our third son, who is a senior at East Carolina University and looking forward to his May 4 graduation, wrote this:

> When I think of Grandmoma Maggie, I remember how important it is to help others throughout our life. She was the one who watched over me when I was a child and my parents were away. I depended on her. I was young and careless, but she was old and wise. She knew what was best for me. She made certain that I was safe, well-fed and in bed on time.
>
> As she grew older, she moved in with us. During her sickness, she depended on us to care for her. Although I was young and could not offer her wisdom or comforting words, I was there with her, and that meant a lot to her. We watched over her as she had once watched over us. I remember the day the ambulance came to take her away for the last time. I recall thinking we would probably not have her much longer, for the end of her life was near and God would take her home soon.
>
> What did I learn from Grandmoma Maggie? I learned that at first we are all weak and need the watchful eye of someone who cares. I learned that when we are strong and wise, we have a responsibility to watch over those who cannot fend for themselves – both young and old. But most importantly, I learned that we are all children in God's eyes, and He is always watching over us. I know that she is with God now; and when my time on earth is up, I can stand with Him and with Grandmoma Maggie.

Emma, our daughter, who is our youngest child and a student at East Carolina University, wrote as follows:

> My Grandmother Maggie died when I was eight years old. The memories I have of her are few, but I would not trade them for anything. She lived with our family and shared my bedroom. I remember staying awake at night listening to her bedtime stories, always begging for just one more – which she always obliged.
>
> As her physical condition worsened, it was really hard to watch the effects of her sickness. After she had a stroke, I remember sitting with her and helping her to learn to speak again. She

tried so hard for me, but there was never much improvement. Her death was not an easy thing for an eight-year-old girl to understand or deal with. Now, twelve years later, there is hardly a day that goes by that I do not think of her. I still miss her more than words can say. There are times now that I feel her with me and feel she must be looking down on me from Heaven, watching over me. She will always be my own special guardian angel.

As a mother, I know that we can sometimes be overwhelmed with the daily routine necessities of our role. We sometimes think our place in life as maid, chauffeur, nurse, and counselor (and whatever is called for at the moment) is not making much impact on the world. We tend to forget that we are building the future. The values, the character, the morals, and the faith in God that we instill in our children are molding the future of our nation and our world.

What an impact...what power a mother has! Oh, for Godly mothers and grandmothers to take their places with great courage and fortitude knowing that within their hands is the potential to change the world. Yes, William Ross Wallace, you expressed it just right. And...our prayer is that mothers will recognize the value God places on their role and make motherhood the priority in life He wills it to be.

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE IS THE HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD!

Celebrate Your Mother...

Here's an idea for honoring your mother this year. Write a family newsletter with her as the feature. Have each family member write favorite thoughts of her. Write her a poem. Put her picture or a picture of something that she especially likes on it. It can be as sophisticated as a computer print job or as simple as the handwriting of your kindergartner – but, you can believe, it will be special to Mom!

GEMS Sturkie Training Course...

Approximately seventy ladies met at The First Church in Goldsboro on March 23 for the GEMS STC, an eight-hour advanced training course for GEMS Coordinators and Sponsors. Workshops were on Building Relationships, Ministering to Exceptional Children, Getting Organized, and Power in Prayer. There was also a time of sharing concerns and discussing solutions to ministry needs. The training is very interactive and offers opportunities for GEMS leaders to become personally acquainted. The climactic part of the day was the time of prayer and ministry one to another at the close of the last workshop. Each leader who attended was presented an STC pin to wear with her Leadership pin on her uniform.

As usual, Sandra McCandles, NC GEMS Director, and her board, Ruth Foley, Sarah Fuquay, and Elaine Stalls, along with the GEMS District Directors, did an excellent job of organizing and executing the training.

From Williamston District...

In January 1996, eighteen WM Presidents, GEMS Coordinators and Pastor's Wives met at Bethany Church in Williamston to make plans for our WM/GEMS Rally. Our meeting opened with thoughts on God's entrusting us with a ministry and how each of us in responsible to nurture it. Mrs. Jean Connor gave our devotion on "Reproducing the Fruit of the Spirit in our Lives."

During the break time, Mrs. Brenda Barefoot shared with me plans for a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Martin County. She explained that funds were low, and they really needed help in establishing the center. When our meeting reconvened, I shared with the ladies what she had told me. During discussion, the Holy Spirit ministered to us. At that point, our rally was planned, birthed in the Holy Ghost.

On February 24, we held our rally at the Ahoskie Pentecostal Holiness Church with 106 people present. The district GEMS presented a skit entitled, *The Diary of an Unborn Child.* Mrs. Berneice McGraw, District GEMS Director, presided over this part of the program.

Mrs. Joyce Whitfield, Director of The Royal Home, was our featured speaker. She showed slides of The Royal Home and gave history of its ministry to unwed expectant mothers. Her presentation gave us all a better understanding of ATAM (Alternative to Abortion Ministries). Following the program in the sanctuary, everyone gathered in the beautifully decorated family life center with gifts for the Martin County Crisis Pregnancy Center. We collected a television, VCR, table, chairs and office materials, as well as baby items. Two hundred dollars cash was collected on the Money Tree. The Lord truly blessed us in a mighty way.

I really appreciate all the ladies of the Williamston District. They are truly a blessing. I praise God for leading me to the Ahoskie Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has blessed me with a wonderful church family and, through Women's Ministries, has granted me opportunities far beyond what I had ever hoped for. The wonderful friends I have made in this Conference are priceless.

Submitted by Linda Askew
Williamston District WM Director

(Linda is a member of Ahoskie Pentecostal Holiness Church, where she serves as WM President and Sunday School teacher for the Teen Class. She has served in various other leadership roles in the church as well. She is a hair stylist and is married to Skip Askew.)

Pictured are Linda Askew (on right) with Joyce Whitfield at the Williamston District Rally.

NCWM Retreat...

It is always an exciting time when the women of North Carolina Women's Ministries get together – and doubly so at Retreat! On Friday, March 29, women from the North Carolina Conference converged "en masse" at Radisson Grande Resort Charlotte, Fort Mill, SC. Following registration on Friday afternoon, the Friday night program featured Rev. Debbie Whipple, who is an assistant to Rev. James Leggett at General Headquarters in Oklahoma. Debbie brought a powerful message on *All Consuming Joy in the Home.* April Whittington, of Greenville, NC, was the featured vocalist and truly set the stage for worship through her ministry in music.

On Saturday morning, Margaret Berry, Wilmington First WM President, presented special music. "Joy In The Intergenerational Family" was presented by Dr. Myrle Swicegood along with her daughter, Linda Williams, and granddaughter, Kendal Williams. GEMS Leaders presented a skit, "The Value of a Girl," to bring focus on the GEMS ministry. Rev. Debbie Whipple shared again with "Joy In The Face of Family Conflict." Each presentation was truly ordered of the Lord and gave insight to the need of family ministry and so beautifully fulfilled the overall theme of the retreat – ALL IN THE FAMILY.

Rose Boyd led in the praise and worship, accompanied at the piano by Donna Gaddis. In both sessions, this was a special time of personal communing with the Lord and proved a blessing to those who participated. At the close of the retreat, time was spent with each lady interacting and sharing with a newly made friend. The ladies left the retreat on Saturday refreshed in the Lord and feeling closer to each other.

It was a special honor to have with us two officials of the General Women's Department, Vice President Faye Leggett of Oklahoma City, and Secretary Mary Belle Johnson of Kenly, NC. Conference Superintendent T. E. Long and his wife, Sylvia, also participated in the program.

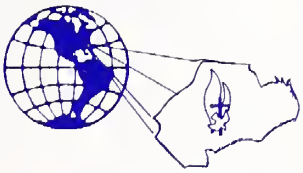
As always our faithful district directors were there to assist and help make the event a success. Special accolades to them!

Left – Dr. Myrle Swicegood; Middle – Daughter, Linda Williams; Right – Granddaughter, Kendal Williams

April Whittington
Vocalist

Rev. Debbie Whipple
Speaker

partments of
and World Missions



IS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

A

the North
l David and
d and Judy
) 592-1327.
villa Sasser
Oklahoma
inerating in

vageau
even years,
l and Judy
They began
ble College
church for
evangelism
ars.
of ministry,
extensive
, hospital,
ment home
areas of
id foreign),
ministerial

in 1993, Ed
hey plan to
os in Kenya
and clothing
o establish
slim. Their

Sasser
at Holmes
nd Heritage
graduated
Internship
College in
e, in 1982.
egree in
eering and
ng Aircraft
She has also
a American

worked as a
th camps in
ministered

music and
ant pastors
l children's
ector in the

Northwest Conference since 1992.

They eagerly anticipate their arrival in Zambia where their ministry focus will be church-planting, leadership training and ministry to children. Presently they are finishing up some degree work at Southwestern College in Oklahoma City. They hope to get to the field later this year.

1995 PER CAPITA WINNERS – Missions & USA Evangelism

Below is the list of the top 25 churches in Per Capita Giving for 1995. Congratulations to these Pastors, Local Directors, and Churches and to each a "WELL DONE."

CHURCH	PASTOR	LOCAL DIRECTOR	PER CAPITA
Middlesex	William E. Price		254.37
Benson	L. B. Collins	Charles Lee Byrd	158.18
Wakelon	Dean Fulford	Linda Byrd	151.19
Shiloh, Wilson Dist.	Ralph Leggett	Stanley Davis	148.00
Friendship, Wilson Dist.	Emmett Turner	Patsy Brantley	113.46
Glad Tidings	Maurice Phelps	Sheree Stafford	108.40
Bethany	Phillip Bland	Miza Leggett	105.59
Westview	Samuel Weaver		102.10
Vanceboro	Aubrey Spear	Earl Toler	98.74
Clinton	David Wheeler	Jimmy Boone	98.67
Peniel	Jimmy Swinson	Frances Hollingsworth	97.16
Greenville	David Wood	Sandy Wood	95.93
Reelsboro	McElree Purifoy	Trudy West	83.55
Bridgeton	Kenneth Dixon		81.58
Tarboro First	Jessee Blalock	Johnny Kent	75.44
Goshen	Allen Mayo	Helen Whitfield	72.61
New Hope	Ed Woolard	Annie Norman	71.45
Calvary	Roger Banks		71.34
Lighthouse	H. P. Woodard	Lee Sanders	70.26
Moores Chapel	Mike Capps		67.94
Pikes Cross Roads	Charles Gentry	James McFatter	65.84
Holly Hill	Robert Whaley	Joy Bowers	64.10
Jones Grove	Tony Hawley	Audrey Bonner	63.17
Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	Janet Bridgers	62.78

1996 GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING GOAL

$166,000.00

A 10% Increase Over 1995

July 14 – N. C. Conference Day of Prayer and Fasting for Global Outreach
July 24 – All "GO" Offerings in Falcon
July 28 – Celebration of "GO" at Falcon Camp Meeting

Promotional Supplies are available through the Conference Office.

tried so hard for me, but there was never much improvement. Her death was not an easy thing for an eight-year-old girl to understand or deal with. Now, twelve years later, there is hardly a day that goes by that I do not think of her. I still miss her more than words can say. There are times now that I feel her with me and feel she must be looking down on me from Heaven, watching over me. She will always be my own special guardian angel.

As a mother, I know that we can sometimes be overwhelmed with the daily routine necessities of our role. We sometimes think our place in life as maid, chauffeur, nurse, and counselor (and whatever is called for at the moment) is not making much impact on the world. We tend to forget that we are building the future. The values, the character, the morals, and the faith in God that we instill in our children are molding the future of our nation and our world.

What an impact...what power a mother has! Oh, for Godly mothers and grandmothers to take their places with great courage and fortitude knowing that within their hands is the potential to change the world. Yes, William Ross Wallace, you expressed it just right. And...our prayer is that mothers will recognize the value God places on their role and make motherhood the priority in life He wills it to be.

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE IS THE HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD!

Celebrate Your Mother...

Here's an idea for honoring your mother this year. Write a family newsletter with her as the feature. Have each family member write favorite thoughts of her. Write her a poem. Put her picture or a picture of something that she especially likes on it. It can be as sophisticated as a computer print job or as simple as the handwriting of your kindergartner – but, you can believe, it will be special to Mom!

GEMS Sturkie Training Course...

Approximately seventy ladies met at The First Church in Goldsboro on March 23 for the GEMS STC, an eight-hour advanced training course for GEMS Coordinators and Sponsors. Workshops were on Building Relationships, Ministering to Exceptional Children, Getting Organized, and Power in Prayer. There was also a time of sharing concerns and discussing solutions to ministry needs. The training is very interactive and offers opportunities for GEMS leaders to become personally acquainted. The climactic part of the day was the time of prayer and ministry one to another at the close of the last workshop. Each leader who attended was presented an STC pin to wear with her Leadership pin on her uniform.

As usual, Sandra McCandles, NC GEMS Director, and her board, Ruth Foley, Sarah Fuquay, and Elaine Stalls, along with the GEMS District Directors, did an excellent job of organizing and executing the training.

From Williamstc District...

In January 1996, eighteen WM Pr GEMS Coordinators and Pastor's Wive Bethany Church in Williamston to ma for our WM/GEMS Rally. Our meetin with thoughts on God's entrusting u ministry and how each of us in respo nurture it. Mrs. Jean Connor gave our on "Reproducing the Fruit of the Spi Lives."

During the break time, Mrs. Barefoot shared with me plans for Pregnancy Center in Martin Cou explained that funds were low, and th needed help in establishing the cent our meeting reconvened, I shared ladies what she had told me. During di the Holy Spirit ministered to us. At th our rally was planned, birthed in t Ghost.

On February 24, we held our ral Ahoskie Pentecostal Holiness Church people present. The district GEMS pr skit entitled, *The Diary of an Unbo* Mrs. Berneice McGraw, District Director, presided over this part of the

Mrs. Joyce Whitfield, Director of T Home, was our featured speaker. Sh slides of The Royal Home and gave his ministry to unwed expectant moth presentation gave us all a better unde of ATAM (Alternative to Abortion Mi Following the program in the sa everyone gathered in the beautifully family life center with gifts for th County Crisis Pregnancy Center. We c television, VCR, table, chairs an materials, as well as baby items. Two dollars cash was collected on the Mo The Lord truly blessed us in a mighty

I really appreciate all the ladi Williamston District. They are truly a I praise God for leading me to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He ha me with a wonderful church fam through Women's Ministries, has gr opportunities far beyond what I had e for. The wonderful friends I have ma Conference are priceless.

Submitted by Lin
Williamston District WM

(Linda is a member of Ahoskie Pe Holiness Church, where she serve President and Sunday School teache Teen Class. She has served in vari leadership roles in the church as well. hair stylist and is married to Skip Ask

Pictured are Linda Askew (on right) w Whitfield at the Williamston District Rally.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Two New North Carolina Missionary Families

Two new missionary families have transferred into the North Carolina Conference. They are Ed and Judy Sauvageau and David and Twilla Sasser. Below is a short biographical sketch on each. Ed and Judy may be reached at the Clinton Missionary Apartment (910) 592-1327. They hope to depart for the field on April 29. David and Twilla Sasser hope to leave for the field in August. Presently they are in Oklahoma City (405) 728-2276. They will be back in North Carolina itinerating in June and July.

The Ed Sauvageau Family

Ed and Judy Sauvageau

During the past seven years, God has prepared Ed and Judy for ministry in Kenya. They began with two years of Bible College training, pioneering a church for three years, and now evangelism for two and one half years.

During this time of ministry, they have had extensive experience in prison, hospital, children's, and retirement home ministries. Their areas of expertise include evangelistic tent crusades (domestic and foreign), building projects, music ministry, and a host of other ministerial functions.

During a four-month mission outreach to Kenya, Africa, in 1993, Ed and Judy felt God confirm this direction for their lives. They plan to establish mission stations among the Somalian refugee camps in Kenya to administer humanitarian aid such as medical help, food and clothing distribution. They will also hold evangelistic services to establish churches among the refugees who are predominantly Muslim. Their ministry focus is to train nationals for the ministry.

The David Sasser Family

David and Twilla Sasser

After studying at Holmes College of the Bible and Heritage Bible College, David graduated from the Ministerial Internship Program at Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1982. Twilla has a degree in Manufacturing Engineering and has worked for Boeing Aircraft Company since 1986. She has also trained for one year in American sign language.

David, who is from the North Carolina Conference, worked as a praise and worship leader in the Northwest Conference youth camps in 1986. Twilla, a native of Salem, Oregon, met David when he ministered in a local church. They were married in 1987.

David and Twilla have ministered extensively through music and preaching across the United States and have served as assistant pastors in Salem, Oregon, since 1987. Very involved in music and children's ministries, Twilla has also served as Assistant Missions Director in the Northwest Conference since 1992.

They eagerly anticipate their arrival in Zambia where their ministry focus will be church-planting, leadership training and ministry to children. Presently they are finishing up some degree work at Southwestern College in Oklahoma City. They hope to get to the field later this year.

1995 PER CAPITA WINNERS – Missions & USA Evangelism

Below is the list of the top 25 churches in Per Capita Giving for 1995. Congratulations to these Pastors, Local Directors, and Churches and to each a "WELL DONE."

CHURCH	PASTOR	LOCAL DIRECTOR	PER CAPITA
Middlesex	William E. Price		254.37
Benson	L. B. Collins	Charles Lee Byrd	158.18
Wakelon	Dean Fulford	Linda Byrd	151.19
Shiloh, Wilson Dist.	Ralph Leggett	Stanley Davis	148.00
Friendship, Wilson Dist.	Emmett Turner	Patsy Brantley	113.46
Glad Tidings	Maurice Phelps	Sheree Stafford	108.40
Bethany	Phillip Bland	Miza Leggett	105.59
Westview	Samuel Weaver		102.10
Vanceboro	Aubrey Spear	Earl Toler	98.74
Clinton	David Wheeler	Jimmy Boone	98.67
Peniel	Jimmy Swinson	Frances Hollingsworth	97.16
Greenville	David Wood	Sandy Wood	95.93
Reelsboro	McElree Purifoy	Trudy West	83.55
Bridgeton	Kenneth Dixon		81.58
Tarboro First	Jessee Blalock	Johnny Kent	75.44
Goshen	Allen Mayo	Helen Whitfield	72.61
New Hope	Ed Woolard	Annie Norman	71.45
Calvary	Roger Banks		71.34
Lighthouse	H. P. Woodard	Lee Sanders	70.26
Moores Chapel	Mike Capps		67.94
Pikes Cross Roads	Charles Gentry	James McFatter	65.84
Holly Hill	Robert Whaley	Joy Bowers	64.10
Jones Grove	Tony Hawley	Audrey Bonner	63.17
Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	Janet Bridgers	62.78

1996 GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING GOAL

$166,000.00

A 10% Increase Over 1995

July 14 – N. C. Conference Day of Prayer and Fasting for Global Outreach
July 24 – All "GO" Offerings in Falcon
July 28 – Celebration of "GO" at Falcon Camp Meeting

Promotional Supplies are available through the Conference Office.

Church Alive Ministries

On Sunday night, March 24, I traveled with Superintendent Long to attend the Church Alive Ministries in Goldsboro. They began as a new church last fall. During the evening service Brother Long brought them into the Conference as an affiliate member church. There were some twenty-eight plus in attendance.

The group is pastored by Rev. Charles Gentry. They are meeting in facilities within a mini-shopping center next to the Little River off Hwy. 70 West, Goldsboro.

The service was an excellent one. The Lord was present. People were blessed. Some twenty-three charter members came forward for membership. After the service there was a good time of fellowship with refreshments.

May the Lord bless this new church with many lost souls being saved. May they "Capture, Own, and Implement" their vision.

Crossroads Community Church

I was privileged on Sunday morning (March 31) to visit the Crossroads Community Pentecostal Holiness Church. They are meeting at the Western Park Community Center near the JCT of Hwy. 58 and 24 (near Emerald Isle). Some twenty-five were in attendance.

This group living on South Emerald Isle were attending the Glad Tidings Church, Morehead City. They were released with prayers and blessings to start a new church in the South Emerald Isle community. They requested Pastor Paul Loftin to be their pastor. After prayer and reflection, he agreed to do so.

The church began the first of March. They have worshiped together since that time. Already new families have been won. Their average Sunday morning attendance has been around twenty-five.

This is an excellent group of dynamic Christians. Their vision is to glorify God, edify the believer, and convince the sinner to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. They are committed to team ministry, believing the Holy Spirit will verify the role of the believer in the Kingdom work. The area they are in is exploding with growth.

May many lost be born into the Kingdom.

District Revitalization Training Meetings For 1996

This year each of the District Evangelism Units and the Conference Evangelism Department is sponsoring a District Revitalizing Training/Prayer Meeting. These events are patterned after the successful monthly Conference Revitalization Forum meetings. The dates, locations, speakers, etc. are listed below. Our "own" ministers are being used for these events.

Each meeting is for clergy and key church lay leaders/workers. Pastors should make a special effort to have his laity present. Each meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends with fellowship/refreshments at 9:00 p.m. Clergy who attend will earn at least two hours of CEU credits.

These meetings are scheduled with each district in mind, **but** any minister and lay person is invited to any district meeting. Cross over attendance is encouraged. Clergy may earn additional CEU credit hours by attending other district meetings.

SPEAKER	DISTRICT	DATE	PLACE
Ferrell Hardison	Wilson District	April 9	Moore's Chapel
Jimmy Whitfield	Wilson District	April 9	Moore's Chapel
Noah Barefoot	Clinton District	April 4	Goshen
Jim Forehand	Clinton District	April 4	Goshen
Randal Strickland	Fayetteville District	May 7	Stedman
Roland Harrell	Fayetteville District	May 7	Stedman (tentative)
Noah Barefoot	Rocky Mount District	May 9	Ebenezer
Jimmy Whitfield	Rocky Mount District	May 9	Ebenezer
Jimmy Whitfield	Morehead City District	May 21	Glad Tidings
Randal Strickland	Morehead City District	May 21	Glad Tidings
Maurice Phelps	Williamston District	May 30	Williamston First
Randal Strickland	Williamston District	May 30	Williamston First
Ferrell Hardison	Goldsboro District	June 4	The First (tentative)
Jimmy Whitfield	Goldsboro District	June 4	The First (Goldsboro)
Noah Barefoot	Lumberton District	June 6	Saint Pauls
Jim Forehand	Lumberton District	June 6	Saint Pauls
Jimmy Whitfield	New Bern District	September 5	New Bern First
Ferrell Hardison	New Bern District	September 5	New Bern First
Randal Strickland	Raleigh District	October 22	Evangelistic Temple (tentative)
Roland Harrell	Raleigh District	October 22	Evangelistic Temple (tentative)
Ferrell Hardison	Greenville District	October 24	Faith
Noah Barefoot	Greenville District	October 24	Faith
Ferrell Hardison	Wilmington District	November 14	Winter Park
Randal Strickland	Wilmington District	November 14	Winter Park

****Schedule** – 7:00 - 8:00 1st speaker; 8:00 - 9:00 2nd speaker; 9:00 until – discussion and refreshments

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT, FEBRUARY 1996

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	----	601	----	627	467
Kinston First	609	----	292	----	321	265
Gospel Tabernacle	445	45	231	38	329	275
The First	360	----	218	----	----	----
The Capital	350	----	208	----	170	217
Tarboro First	214	17	172	13	185	129
Stedman	280	----	161	----	251	165
Shiloh WD	284	58	154	58	185	105
Mt. Carmel	330	----	146	----	180	98
Lumberton	322	14	143	14	140	99
Peniel	260	----	139	----	108	58
Chadbourn	187	----	135	----	174	114
Robersonville	190	----	135	----	176	144
St. Pauls	132	10	134	10	132	119
Harkers Island	131	----	124	----	65	63
Williamston	164	12	124	12	132	90
Brentwood	130	----	123	----	140	172
Clinton	246	----	119	----	122	106
Culbreth Memorial	240	25	117	17	172	140
Pine Level	204	18	115	16	71	56
Wilson First	120	----	114	----	65	50
Wallace	227	----	105	----	67	82
Belfast	117	----	103	----	89	55
Harvest Temple	171	65	99	47	107	52
Smyrna	119	----	95	----	101	62
St. Paul	156	----	95	----	40	24
Millennium	178	35	86	35	90	57
Benson	167	48	84	21	60	35
Whitley	269	----	84	----	237	239
St. John	126	----	82	----	34	47
Bethany	155	5	80	22	109	43
Living Faith Fell.	120	----	75	----	99	70
Roper	88	----	73	----	85	58
Pikes Crossroads	197	----	73	----	145	43
Baywood	106	----	73	----	60	57
Rehoboth	139	----	72	----	----	----
Graham Memorial	100	----	72	----	54	32
Trinity RMD	90	----	72	----	55	53
Eastside	202	20	69	30	----	----
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	69	----	140	70
Roanoke Rapids	260	515	69	515	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	66	----	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	66	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	65	----	65	----	30	31
Brocks Chapel	156	----	63	----	91	35
Moores Chapel	109	----	63	----	75	52
Tyndall Grove	85	----	63	----	24	13
Mount Olive	90	----	62	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	61	----	59	36
Midway	141	31	60	24	118	42
Sharon	99	----	60	----	43	24
Hobgood	88	----	60	----	----	----
Emmanuel	95	----	59	----	50	45
Thomas Chapel	127	----	59	----	64	18
Ayden	----	----	58	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	58	----	142	26
Ebenezer	70	----	56	----	63	36
Tabernacle	71	----	55	----	62	41
Bridgeton	75	----	54	----	----	----
Calvary LD	31	----	53	----	33	----
Trinity CD	130	----	53	----	55	33
Taylors Chapel	116	----	53	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	52	----	88	57
Manleys Grove	119	----	51	----	----	----
Liberty	46	----	51	----	----	----
Aberdeen	78	----	51	----	68	26
Selma	87	----	51	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	50	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	50	----	59	30
Shiloh FD	93	----	50	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	73	----	49	----	32	31
Niagara	145	----	49	----	40	21
Hamilton	----	----	49	----	----	----
Elizabethtown	70	11	48	13	----	----
Boardman	205	----	48	----	201	43
Albritton	74	19	48	20	43	24
Carson Memorial	78	----	48	----	65	34
Maranatha	59	----	47	----	25	45
Faith GD	76	----	46	----	62	47
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	45	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	76	----	45	----	65	55
Heritage	51	----	45	----	72	47
Westmoreland	119	----	44	----	73	33
Kenly	88	----	44	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	82	----	44	----	----	----
Friendship WD	88	----	44	----	52	35
Jacksonville	74	----	43	----	47	50
Sanford First	94	----	43	----	49	34
Bethel	86	----	42	----	----	----
Plymouth	56	----	42	----	----	----
Goshen	75	----	42	----	36	35
New Vision	58	----	41	----	----	----
Spring Hope	60	----	41	----	55	42
Independence	46	----	40	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	40	----	----	----
Jones Grove	64	----	39	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	39	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	49	----	38	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	88	----	38	----	----	----
Bailey	64	----	35	----	21	24
Hopewell	40	----	35	----	39	31
Living Waters	73	----	35	----	89	22
Friendship NBD	50	----	34	----	24	23
Faith WD	63	57	34	57	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	33	----	28	15
Garland	61	----	33	----	----	----
Vanceboro	32	----	32	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	32	----	32	----	30	35
New Covenant	43	----	30	----	30	23
Crystal Coast	36	----	29	----	----	----
Black Creek	55	----	29	----	----	----
Wades Point	49	----	29	----	21	14
Sims	46	----	28	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	27	----	24	----
Shekinah	48	----	27	----	16	14
Alliance	40	----	26	----	44	----
Merritts Chapel	58	----	25	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	25	----	25	15
Clayton	34	----	23	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	22	----	45	17
New Creation	23	----	20	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	56	----	18	----	19	8
New Hope	27	----	18	----	----	----
Middlesex	17	----	17	----	----	----
Alert	58	----	16	----	28	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	15	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	13	----	21	0
Sonlight	21	----	12	----	16	----
New Life	27	----	10	----	----	----
Windsor	13	7	8	----	----	----
Wakelon	19	----	7	----	----	----
Lighthouse	9	----	6	----	----	----
Total:	16,565	1,012	9,042	962	7,878	5,373
Average:	127	53	69	53	92	66
Count:	130	----	132	----	86	81

BUY A SQUARE FOOT

Name of Church _____ District _____

Local C. E. Ministry contributing:

- ❑ Sunday School
- ❑ Children's Ministry
- ❑ Senior Citizens
- ❑ Youth Ministry
- ❑ Royal Rangers
- ❑ Other

You may depend on our local Christian Education Department and its auxiliaries to help! We would like to purchase _____ Square Feet at $71.00 per foot. I understand that our church will be given credit for contributing in the "Buy A Square Foot" promotion through the Christian Education Department! I also understand that this offering will be channeled through the Conference Christian Education Office as a gauge of appreciation from local Christian Education Departments. A list of all contributions will be presented to the Conference Financial Office as they are received.

You may expect our contribution by_____.
(Date)

Please complete and return to:

NC Conference CE Department
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Amount Received:_____
Check No: _____
Deposited:_____

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

(289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 JUNE 1996 NUMBER 6

Vacation Time

Numbers 10:33
"...traveled ... to find a place of rest."

Wherever you are, be sure your time is spent with and for God!

(see "Lines from Linda" ... pp 6 & 7)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

SANCTIFICATION

Reverend Ralph R. Johnson is in a declining stage of health. He has been a vital leader for many years. He was licensed by the North Carolina Conference in 1932. He officially retired in 1982 but has continued to be of valuable service to the Body of Christ. I have selected the following writing from him which appeared in this paper in July of 1966.

He, the Lord Jesus Christ, is still our only Sanctifier!

You may wish to send Brother Johnson and wife, Gladys, a card or letter. Their address is: 2602 Canal Drive, Wilson, NC 27896

Sanctification is the Divine process by which a person is freed of the old Adamic nature, or carnal mind, and brought into a proper and holy relationship with God wherein he is able to live a life acceptable and pleasing to God.

Throughout the Bible the horrible fact of man's sinfulness and depravity is set forth. But like a wonderful, new, super highway, taking the place of an old crooked, hilly, rough, and dangerous road, runs the glorious unfolding of God's remedy for man's vile and fallen state. The old road leads down to total destruction; the new road leads upward toward total salvation.

Since sin is of a two-fold nature, God deals with it in a two-fold manner. Sin in principle is bred into us. We are born with a bent to wrong doing. This is the Adamic nature – original sin – the carnal mind. When the carnal mind asserts itself, it produces transgression against God. This is committed sin. Committed sin is charged against the individual when he becomes responsible for his actions. Upon repentance through faith, these transgressions are forgiven. But the big problem remains, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

The very word SANCTIFICATION has a beautiful sound. But it is more than beautiful. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 4:3, "This is the WILL of God, even your sanctification." There is a great and powerful argument that sanctification in the scriptures means dedication, and that we are misapplying the scriptures when we say it means an experience of cleansing. It is true that in several instances the word in the original Greek does mean dedication or separation to a holy purpose. However, in the Old Testament we see that offerings made to God were required to meet very strict tests. They must be approved by God's standards. No lame, sick, or unclean animals or fowl could be offered to God. They must be of the very best to be accepted to Him. So it is evident that, before one can present himself wholly to God in dedication, there must be a cleansing, a purifying of his offering.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a LIVING sacrifice HOLY, ACCEPTABLE unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Thus wrote Saint Paul in Romans 12:1, 2. Now, how can this be done? Man can never lift himself by his own bootstraps. Carnality will produce failure as it did in the case of Nimrod and his followers. Their tower never did reach God. God has provided the way. Jesus, the Son of God, said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" John 14:6. Hebrews 13:12 states, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people by his own blood, suffered without the gate."

Check with Brother Paul again in Romans 5:1,2 where he tells us, "Therefore being JUSTIFIED by faith [this involves repentance on the part of the believer and regeneration of the heart on the part of God], we have PEACE with God [the results of forgiveness of actual transgressions] through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom we have access [a door or passage] into this GRACE [holiness of heart] in which we STAND, and REJOICE [the natural reaction to the experience of cleansing] in the hope of the glory of God."

The truth of cleansing [sanctification] is further brought out in Ephesians 5:25, 26, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify [to set apart] and cleanse it [to make clean] with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The Bible is well supplied with doctrinal proof of the provision for the sanctification of believers. The great need today is daily, living proof set forth in the lives of those who have experienced the Second Blessing. "Therefore, let your light so shine before men that they may see your GOOD WORKS and glorify YOUR FATHER which is in heaven" Matthew 5:16.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

IT'S A BOY

Rev. & Mrs. Mel House of Greenville announce the birth of a son, Daniel Seth House, born April 10, 1996, weighing 6 lbs. 2 ozs., 19" long. Daniel is the grandson of Rev. & Mrs. Berry House and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jernigan.

LEGGETTS GO TO NEWCASTLE

John and Laurie Leggett

John and Laurie Leggett were affirmed as pastors of the Newcastle Pentecostal Holiness Church on Sunday, February 11.

The election as pastors of the Newcastle church followed an interim pastorate of Rev. and Mrs. Ira Wildsmith.

The church presented John and Laurie with flowers to celebrate their installation and prepared a dinner in their honor. Guests attending the installation included Rev. and Mrs. James Leggett, Vice Chairman of the church; Rev. and Mrs. Richard Goad, Conference C. E. Director, Rev. and Mrs. Dick Goad, long-time ministers in the Oklahoma Conference, and other family members and friends.

MY TESTIMONY

Dear Fellow Christians,

My name is Sonja Debois, and I am a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro. I would like to share my testimony with you, and I hope it will be an encouragement to those who need a physical healing.

It started about six months ago. I didn't feel good, but, I couldn't really explain how I felt. I overlooked how I felt until March when I started hurting in my stomach. I went to the hospital several times, but the doctors insisted that I just had a stomach virus.

In April, when the pains started getting worse, I went back to the doctor. He finally decided to run some tests on me. The findings were a tumor one inch wide and six inches long and my liver was almost twice the normal size.

I was to go to ECU School of Medicine in Greenville on April 26. The doctors scheduled additional tests and surgery for the removal of the tumor.

The Sunday before the surgery I asked Associate Pastor Billy Rose to anoint me with oil and pray for me. On that day I was in severe pain. The pain left me and never came back.

In my heart I knew there wouldn't be any surgery. I knew the Lord had touched me.

I went to the hospital to have the Endoscopy and surgery. The Endoscopy was performed, but the surgery was not. The doctor later told me and my parents that she searched all in my stomach with the light but she could not find the growth. She knew the growth had been there. She and four other doctors had seen it, but she could not explain what happened to it. She also said my liver was its normal size.

I knew what had happened. The Lord had healed me.

Sonja Lee DeBois

I had been praying for healing. The Lord heard and answered my prayers. I put all my trust and faith in Him and will always do so. No matter what we are going through, the Lord will always be there to lead us. Trust in Him because He is our strength and our salvation.

Love in Christ,
Sonja DeBois

NEW PASTOR BEGINS WORK AT WILSON FIRST

The Reverend Merrill Davis has been selected to become the new pastor at Wilson First. His wife Marlyn, and son Stephen, and daughter Renae are delighted to join the Pastor in the work God has given them.

"Serving Christ is the greatest joy any Christian can have after experiencing the joy of spiritual birth," stated Brother Davis. After all, true worship involves service and sacrificial labor for Christ. When a person truly loves God, his or her desire will always be to glorify Him in all things.

The Holy Spirit has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the services thus far, and there is no reason why He shouldn't continue to save, sanctify, and fill believers with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. God is alive and well, and it is time we remind ourselves that this is His Church. He will reward the Church that follows Him and seeks Him in prayer and true fellowship.

Pastor Davis would remind us that we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and He communicates Christ's power to us so long as we abide in Christ. In this lies the possibility of power-filled service. Spiritual power can be experienced continuously where no obstacle is placed in the way of the working of the Holy Spirit.

Let us strive to labor together with the Lord and with one another in the days ahead. Let's pray for a bountiful harvest.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Rev. John Slye	June 9
Rev. Haywood Price	June 11
Rev. Harvey Morris	June 13
Rev. Lalleon Narron	June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfiled	June 29

SCCM Graduate School is coming to you!

Classes at: Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, GA and Beulah Heights Bible College, Atlanta, GA

Learn from Leaders who are:

- Renowned, from leading seminaries
- Practitioners of what they teach
- Specialists in their fields
- Committed to the local church
- Discerning of the times

Apply now!

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
Dr. Garnet E. Pike, Dean
7210 NW 39th Expressway
Bethany, Oklahoma 73008
Phone (405) 789-7661 Ext. 3447
Fax (405) 789-7669

Earn your Master's Degree while in ministry and

Rise to New Heights

The Graduate School is ...

ACCREDITED

- MASTER OF MINISTRY Degree
- Accredited by North Central Accrediting Association

PRACTICAL

- Develop ministry skills and gifts while you continue in ministry
- Classes are scheduled over 2 years for the busy pastor/minister (five one-week modules of instruction per year)
- Course projects apply your studies to your ministry

PROFESSIONAL

- Nationally-known guest lecturers and experienced teaching partners are your instructors
- Ministry specialization in Urban Ministry, Missions Evangelism, Church Growth/Church Planting, and Church Revitalization

SPIRITUAL

- Gain spiritual enrichment through your studies
- Deepen dependency on the Holy Spirit and the One who said, "I will build my church"

AFFORDABLE

- Scholarship
- Loans
- Pastor's Education Fund

Training Leaders for the End-Time Harvest

North Carolina Conference Camp Meeting Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 21
6:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service
Rev. Leroy Baker

Monday, July 22
9:30 a.m. Devotional Service
Paul C. Jackson
11:00 a.m. "Ten Commandments"
Gary Strickland
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service
Leroy Baker

Tuesday, July 23
9:30 a.m. Devotional Service
Deborah Williams
11:00 a.m. "Ten Commandments"
Gary Strickland
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service
Leroy Baker

Wednesday, July 24
9:30 a.m. Devotional Service
Bill Hooper
11:00 a.m. "Ten Commandments"
Gary Strickland
12:30 p.m. Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service
Leroy Baker

Thursday, July 25
9:30 a.m. Devotional Service
Vera Griffin
11:00 a.m. "Ten Commandments"
Gary Strickland
12:30 p.m. Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service
(Falcon Children's Home Emphasis)
Leroy Baker

Friday, July 26
9:30 a.m. Promotional Conference
Rev. James Leggett, Presiding Officer
3:45 p.m. Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 p.m. 1996 Superannuated Ministers' Dinner
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service
Leroy Baker

Saturday, July 27
9:30 a.m. Devotional Service
Terry Whittenton
11:00 a.m. "Ten Commandments"
Gary Strickland
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Youth Emphasis
Director Bobby Forehand
Message: Keith O'Neal

Sunday, July 28
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. Bobby Forehand
11:00 a.m. Worship
Superintendent Elwood Long
3:30 p.m. Singspiration
Director David Oxley
6:00 p.m. World Evangelism Emphasis
Director Chris Thompson
Message: Leroy Baker

Pastor Appreciation 1996
"Lord, Bless Our Pastor"

Men's Ministries

Women's Ministries

Joint Project of Men's Ministries and Women's Ministries

Full size 74 pages! ONLY $9.95

Pastor Appreciation Promotion Packet

Our new Promotion Packet provides you with concise ideas and sample materials. This packet is perfect for getting your Pastor Appreciation program off to a great start.

Packet Includes

- *Large color theme poster for this year*
- *All-new "how-to" guide*
- *New gifts list*
- *Points for planning a great Pastor Appreciation*
- *Sample order of service*
- *Honoring the Pastor's Wife*
- *Sample support items*

Special Features

- *Pastor Appreciation Seven -Fold Blessing*
- *Two New Bible Studies*
- *Sermon "How To Bless Your Pastor"*
- *Cassette Tape "How To Bless Your Pastor"*

All new format! ONLY $6.95

Pastor Appreciation Program Manual

Here is *the* guide to planning a successful Pastor Appreciation event. It's packed full of detailed instructions and guidelines including the following:

- *Step–by–step procedures*
- *Program ideas*
- *Sample sermons*
- *Special events*
- *Advertising plans*
- *Media release*
- *100 ways to "show & tell" love for the pastor*
- *Sample letters, readings, and poems*

We love our pastors!

☎910-323-4777 Fax 910-323-4777

Men's Ministries
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

Charge it on: ☐ ☐

Account Number | **Expiration Date**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE ( ) _____

- ☐ Yes! Rush me the new "Pastor Appreciation Promotion Packet" $6.95
- ☐ Yes! Rush me the "Pastor Appreciation Program Manual" $9.95
- ☐ Yes! Rush me one of each $17.90

Order Amount _____

Add $2.00 for postage and handling $2.00

Total _____

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda ...

Vacation time is here again! When we think about taking a vacation, our thoughts generally turn to a place where we can relax and get away from the daily rush and routine. Here in our own beautiful state, known as the Variety Vacationland, we find many possibilities. Whether we choose to go to the mountains (where Janice and Gary Marshburn always go) or to the coast (where Patsy & Henry Deese live), we tend to look for a place of special interest and beauty.

Joe and I have been blessed to visit some beautiful places. I can't begin to describe to anyone who hasn't visited Switzerland the beauty of the countryside there with the immaculately groomed vineyards on the hillsides. The view of lush green pastures and the cattle grazing right up in the front yards of the homes (which also house the cattle) is picture pretty. The ride up to the top of the Matterhorn on the cog-wheeled train is an unforgettably beautiful adventure.

On the other side of the glove, the beauty of the aqua green ocean just off the shores of Maui, the think green plant life on the north side shore of the island, the winding narrow road leading into the rainforest-like setting is too beautiful for words. Watching the waves break along the shoreline and the surfers who enjoy riding them in is exciting.

In Mexico, amidst the beautiful landscape, we saw from our resort room windows on one side the mansions-on-the-hillsides of the wealthy and on the other side the small shacks without windows or doors which provided shelters for the poor. In the villages of Italy, the whole town shuts down for an afternoon siesta. In the cities of France, the hustle of American lifestyle is duplicated.

Just last month we visited Barbados where a friend of ours is U.S. Ambassador. From her hilltop home, we could view the beauty of the island. Just out from her residence is the Caribbean. The sugarcane crops and banana fields provide agricultural opportunities for the Bajans. In spite of the beauty of the land, most of the homes were small chattel houses.

The white silver sands of the southern coast of Florida, the jagged mountainous coastline of Washington, the vastness of the Grand Canyon, the roar of Niagara Falls, the quaint French architecture of New Orleans – all of these are part of the beauty of nature that God has given us to enjoy in this life.

But this morning, I was reading from Revelation 21. There I read about a city of transparent gold like grass. I read the description of a wall of jasper that will surround that city – a wall that is built on twelve layers of foundation stones inlaid with gems. Layers of jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardus, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, and amethyst make up the foundation. The gates for that wall are made of pearls – each gate from a single pearl. The main street is of pure, transparent gold. The glory of God and of Jesus illuminate the city.

In most places we have visited, crime is prevalent, but in that city there is no fear of crime. The gates never even have to be closed – day nor night. Nothing evil will be permitted there.

Most of our vacations have consisted of just a few days away, and then we come back to again face the same busy schedules and lifestyle we have briefly left behind. But when we go to this place of beauty described in Revelation, we will have a perpetual vacation. In fact, we will be at home in the ultimate vacationland. We can enjoy the river of pure Water of Life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God. We can enjoy a fresh crop of fresh fruit each month from the Trees of Life – the same trees that provide healing of the nations. What a glorious, glorious place!

I'm reminded of the old hymn of the church: "How beautiful Heaven must be, Sweet home of the happy and free; Fair haven of rest for the weary; How beautiful Heaven must be!"

Are you making preparation? Are you busy getting all your tasks completed? Are you packing your spiritual baggage? Do you have your ticket? This is one vacation you'll not want to miss!!

NCWM Presidents Council ...

About fifty North Carolina Women's Ministries presidents from all around the North Carolina Conference met on Saturday, May 4, at McCall's Restaurant in Goldsboro for the first ever NCWM Presidents' Council. These WM leaders enjoyed being treated to lunch and a time of sharing and fellowship. The ladies divided into small groups of six each and shared their thoughts and concerns regarding Women's Ministries in our conference. They were invited by NCWN board members to share what they felt was good and what they felt needed improvement both on the conference and the local levels. Following their small group share time, one person from each group reported on their discussion.

Many helpful thoughts and ideas were introduced. Some of the discussions led to questions regarding conference activities, and President Linda Thomas and other board members were able to answer questions and concerns for the local presidents.

Those who attended the event expressed appreciation for conference leadership and also gave ideas for fund-raisers and motivation for local groups. They also expressed thanks for the opportunity to share in this manner and asked that the Presidents' Council become an annual event. Local presidents will be receiving more feedback from this meeting in the near future.

June Is Sharing Sisters Month ...

The month of June is designated at **"Sharing Sisters Month"** and offers an opportunity to make new friends, share ideas, problems, experiences, and to draw strength from fellow sisters in the Lord. With June 14 being Flag Day and July 4 being Independence Day, share a time together celebrating the freedom we enjoy as Americans. Honor our veterans and

pray for our nation. Decorate your meeting place with American flags and dress in red, white, and blue attire. Eat hot dogs and apple pie (drive a Chevrolet). Giggle together and go home with a new spirit of freedom.

Janice Marshburn
Sharing Sisters Director

Soul-Winning Is Wise ...

With special emphasis being put on soul-winning at our 1996 Convention, it is hoped that each member will become involved in personal evangelism. One simple method of evangelizing is through a tract ministry. The American Tract Society offers the following tips on how to use tracts:

1. Pray before, during, and after giving someone a tract. Ask God to open that person's heart.
2. Match the tract to the reader. Make it appropriate to the person's age, interests, and circumstances.
3. Whenever possible, give the tract with a personal word of concern and genuine compassion.
4. Be friendly when sharing the good news of Christ. Smile! Think of the joy a lifeguard feels in rescuing a drowning person.
5. Don't force anyone to take a tract. Be sensitive to the situation.
6. Keep tracts handy in cars, purses, briefcases, pockets, or desks. Include them with bill payments and in special occasion cards sent to friends and loved ones.

Gospel tracts are available at most Christian bookstores. If you are interested in ordering tracts from American Tract Society, the address is Box 462008, Garland, TX 75046-2008.

From Faye Viverette ...

Through life's journey, God has always given His people tools with which to work as a point of contact. In the Old Testament, Moses had his "ROD," boy David had his "SLING SHOT AND ROCKS," Daniel could "INTERPRET" dreams, and Jonah's was a "GREAT FISH." In the New Testament, Jesus had his 'TWELVE DISCIPLES" and "THE CROSS." In Acts, God used the "WIND," and John received the "REVELATION." We have been given "THE BIBLE." I also believe that God uses some special people with special words to help us with specific trouble and problems.

My life has been affected and almost devastated by alcohol and drugs. God sent me the Al-Anon Program. This is a twelve-step program which helps teach us to be overcomers. Even Christians have great need to overcome the attacks of Satan. Many of God's people have been attacked by dependencies such as alcohol, drugs, evil thoughts, negative attitudes, love of money, selfishness, anger, fear an desire to control others. We, as Christians, must be overcomers of these things which can be stumbling blocks in our spiritual growth.

This program has enhanced my spiritual growth. I have learned much from both Christians and some unsaved people. I am learning more and more to be an overcomer. Satan has attacked me personally in my body, by family, my finances, and even through some church people. But, by God's grace and love, I AM AN OVERCOMER. I am okay today. May I share my "Twelve Steps for Overcomers" with you.

Step 1 We admitted we were powerless over our dependencies and that our lives had become unmanageable. (Matthew 9:36, Romans 7:18-20)

Step 2 Come to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. (Matthew 12:18-21; Mark 9:23-24; Luke 13:10-13; John 6:63; John 12:46)

Step 3 Made a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him. (Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 16:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Step 4 Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. (Matthew 23:23-28; Luke 12:1-6; Romans 13:11-14; I Corinthians 4:19-20; Galatians 6:3-5)

Step 5 Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. (Luke 15:17-20; Acts 15:17-20; II Corinthians 10:3-5; Hebrews 4:12-16; James 5:16; I John 1:8-9)

Step 6 Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. (Romans 6:11-12; Ephesians 4:17-23; Colossians 3:5-8; I Peter 1:13-16; I John 4:18; Revelation 3:19-20)

Step 7 Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. (Matthew 18:4; Acts 3:19; Hebrews 12:5-11; I Peter 5:6-7; I John 5:14-15)

Step 8 Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. (Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 6:37-38; Luke 19:8; John 13:34-35; I Corinthians 13; II Timothy 1:7; James 4:11-12)

Step 9 Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. (Matthew 5:9; Romans 15:2; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 4:5-6; Philemon 8:17)

Step 10 Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it. (Mark 14:38; Romans 12:3; I Thessalonians 5:17-22; Hebrews 2:1-3; I Peter 2:11)

Step 11 Sought, through prayer and meditation, to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. (John 4:13-14; Romans 8:26-28; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 4:6-9; Titus 3:1-7)

Step 12 Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs. (Mark 5:18-20; I Corinthians 9:22-27; I Corinthians 15:10; I Timothy 1:12-16)

There are Al-Anon groups in or near almost every town in North Carolina. I would like to encourage those who are in spiritual pain because of a loved one's dependencies to seek out a group near you. With the study of these steps and scriptures, we can all be overcomers for our Lord and Savior.

Faye Viverette
Rocky Mount District WM Director

Faye Downing Viverette is a native of Rocky Mount NC. She is a widow, a mother of five, and a grandmother of six. She was born and bred Pentecostal Holiness "to the bone." Faye has many holiness preachers, church workers, and prayer warriors in her family. To mention a few, Rev. E. W. Downing, grandfather; Rev. R. L. Downing, brother; Rev. Eric Vernelson, cousin; J. J. Harrell, grandfather, Rev. Levi Payton, uncle; and Mrs. B.B. Bolton, mother.

Faye has been in faithful service to God at the Calvary Temple PH Church since its beginning in 1991. She is a faithful member of her community and the Al-Anon Family Group. She has gained much experience, strength, and hope through this program. Faye testifies that God has healed, thrilled, and filled her with His Holy Spirit. Today, Faye considers herself to be a blessed Child of God. God is her strength and hope for each today as she lives one day at a time in His divine plan. She thanks God for a Christian heritage.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Genuine Revival Experienced At Harvest Fellowship!

March 17-20 of this year, we were blessed to experience a mighty move of God at the Harvest Fellowship Pentecostal Holiness Church in Shallotte.

Sister Deborah Williams was our evangelist for these services, and God mightily anointed her to preach the word with power and authority.

Several people re-dedicated their lives to God, and in one service ten people received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance!

In each service we were blessed to see people in the altar seeking God, people slain in the Spirit, people being delivered and healed for the glory of God.

I thank God for the moving of His Spirit, and for evangelists like Sister Deborah who will allow God to use them to speak His word.

GOD IS STILL MOVING WHERE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY FOR THE VISITATION OF HIS SPIRIT.

Pastor Danny Harris
Harvest Fellowship
Pentecostal Holiness Church

A Picture Of A Revived Church

Read Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:31-33

I believe that in these passages of scripture we see a picture of a Revived Church, a Church with Power.

There are five key elements we see in this writing which let us know it was a revived church, and I believe they are the very same key elements which will help us be a "Revived Church," a "Church with Power."

Those five key elements are as follows.....

I. Prayer – In chapter 2:42 it states that they "Continued in prayer," in 4:31 it says "When they had prayed." I am not aware of any great revival that has ever been experienced that was not preceded by prayer. My desire as a pastor is to have a praying church, and I become more aware each day that the first key to having a praying church is for the church to have a praying pastor!

I thank God for good training seminars, and good contemporary books to read, but nothing can take the place of the man of God, or any Christians locking themselves away in the prayer closet with God.

This revived church was a praying church.

II. Oneness – In chapter 2:46 we read "And they, continuing daily with one accord"; in chapter 4:32 it says they "were of one heart, and of one soul"; this body of believers had a oneness or unity like we must have today if we want to see the moving of God in our churches.

I believe that if we pastors want to see this unity among our people, our people must see it among God's pastors, evangelists, and church leaders.

III. Worship – In chapter 2:47 we read that they were "Praising God." I believe we can see a People who are worshiping and praising God.!

There was a time in my life that I waited on a moving of God to really worship and praise Him! Thank God, I found out that if I would worship God, that He would move in a mighty way.

If we are going to have a revived church, a church with power, we must be a church that will worship God, that He would move in a mighty way.

If we are going to have a revived church, a church with power, we must be a church that will worship and praise our God!

God still inhabits the praises of His people!

IV. Edification – In chapter 4:31 we read "They spake the word of God with boldness." In that same chapter, in verse 33 we read "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

continued on next page

When the Word of God is spoken with the anointing, and the gifts of the Spirit are in operation, there is edification!

V. Righteousness – In chapter 4:31 it says "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together..."

I believe we can see by the results which followed their prayer that there was righteous living involved because the Bible tells us in the book of James, Chapter 5 verse 16 "The effectual fervent prayer of a **righteous** man availeth much."

When we have these five elements in our churches as we should, I believe we will be that Revived Church as we see in these scriptures in the book of Acts. I also believe that we will be a church which will have what the first letter of each of these five elements spell out:

Prayer
Oneness
Worship
Edification
Righteousness

God still wants us to be a church with **Power,** a church that is **Revived,** a church where we can see **"souls being added to the church daily such as should be saved."** I believe we can still be that kind of church!

Thompson Chapel PhC – North Carolina. Pastor George Weaver and Rev. Chris Thompson, Chairman, Friendship Evangelism, presenting to Jerry Waddell a Certificate of Completion. Waddell was the 2,000th person to complete the Friendship Evangelism course.

The Friendship Evangelism Materials are available through Men's Ministries and/or the Conference Evangelism Office.

WHAT ABOUT FATHER'S DAY?

June 16, 1996
Help the Dads in Your Church Stay in PRAYER.

Look at this GREAT gift.

Dad's Prayer Coin will remind them to pray for each family member. In the evening when they empty their pockets they will again find their "Dad's Prayer Coin" ready to use the next day. Gleaming solid brass 15-gauge coin, 1 1/4" diameter, and individually poly-bagged. Includes companion bookmark explaining details.

Fill-Out, Clip, and Mail with your Remittance TODAY!

☐ *YES,* Please send me: **Sorry No COD or Billing**

☐ Dad's Prayer Coin @ 3.00 = $_____
Quantity discounts for orders over 25 @ 2.75 = $_____
Postage 10% = $_____

☐ Enclosed is my check/m.o. for the total of: $_____

☐ Please charge the total to my:
___Visa ___MasterCard Expires: ____

CARD #: ____ ____ ____ ____

☛ *Signature* _____
Required for credit card charges

Make Check Payable to: Men's Ministries, IPHC

NAME _____
CHURCH _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST ____ ZIP _____
PHONE-DAYTIME: (___) _____

☎ 1-910-323-4777
FAX 1-910-323-4777

Men's Ministries
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

1996 "GO' OFFERING PROMOTION

The promotion and collection of the 1996 Global Outreach "GO Offering is in full swing. The Conference has set a goal of $165,000.00 That is 10% increase over 1995. The USA goal is $1,000,000 (one million) for 1996. Both these goals have been attained before. GOD IS ABLE.

The conference World Missions Committee has set Sunday, July 14, as the Conference Global Outreach Sunday. The emphasis is primarily one of prayer and fasting. Each Pentecostal Holiness member is asked to set aside that date as a special time of prayer and fasting for world evangelism. Doors of evangelism are open and remain open as a direct result of prayer.

Some churches choose to receive a special "GO" Offering on this "GO" Offering Sunday. For those churches who have already scheduled another emphasis on July 14, July 21 has been selected as the alternate "GO" Offering Sunday.

Each church is asked to collect their "GO" Offerings and forward the amount to the Conference Office by Wednesday, July 24. This would allow the amount of the offering to be printed in the "GO" Offering bulletin for the World Evangelism Service, Camp Meeting, Sunday night, July 28. The goal for the closing night of camp meeting is to celebrate the victory of reaching the goal rather than collecting funds.

The Global Outreach Offering is such a crucial offering to the success of the World Missions and USA Evangelism Programs. 75% of the offering goes to World Missions and 25% to USA Evangelism. The funds are used for **new** church planting, special projects (especially into new countries and U.S.A. cities), deficit missionary accounts, and certain promotional costs. These are the only funds that are available for new field expansion. As other monies are given to missionaries, etc., they go for that purpose. Designated funds cannot be redirected. They are used as designated.

May the Lord bless the faithful people of the N.C. Conference to reach their goal in 1996.

Third Annual Church Plant Project Payment Schedule

The total cost of the Church Plant will be $7,495. This covers the cost of one person to go to the field and conduct the crusades and plant the church. It also covers the cost of the actual church plant and support for the National Pastor for one year.

For $2,495 each, additional people can go.

The payment schedule for the church plant is as follows:

Deposit of $100 by June 15,1996
One half $3750 by August 15, 1996
Balance by September 15, 1996

Third AnnualChurch Plant Project Ex-Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

Strategy of Ministry

During the days of October 14-24, 1996, twenty-five teams will go to twenty-five different locations in the countries of Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Romania, and Hungary for the purpose of planting a Pentecostal Holiness Church in each location.

There will be evangelistic rallies in each location on the Friday and Saturday nights. On the Sunday morning a worship service will be held with the new converts, at which time the National Pastor will be presented and installed to Pastor the new church.

During this one weekend, in twenty-five different locations, a new church will be planted. What a great opportunity to make an eternal impact on individual lives and on a society as a whole!

The National Pastor will be chosen well in advance and will be trained and equipped to Pastor this new church.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this great endeavor in the Ex-Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT, JANUARY 1995

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	----	616	----	627	444
Kinston First	607	----	305	----	321	264
Gospel Tabernacle	445	45	230	38	332	273
The First	360	----	224	----	----	----
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	221	----	100	103
The Capital	350	----	189	----	170	217
Stedman	280	----	175	----	251	178
Shiloh WB	284	54	149	54	185	101
Mt. Carmel	330	----	149	----	180	90
Pine Level	204	18	140	16	71	53
Robersonville	195	----	138	----	177	173
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	138	18	169	153
Lumberton	322	14	137	13	140	92
Chadbourn	187	----	135	----	174	109
Tarboro First	214	25	134	52	185	148
Brentwood	130	----	129	----	140	163
Harkers Island	131	----	129	----	65	61
Bizzell Grove	161	40	122	60	85	60
Clinton	217	----	120	----	159	120
Peniel	260	----	117	----	108	79
Wallace	227	----	114	----	67	75
Williamston	164	12	112	7	132	89
Wilson First	120	----	108	----	65	82
St. Paul	156	----	105	----	40	24
Belfast	117	----	100	----	89	56
Whitley	269	----	98	----	237	237
Eastside	202	20	97	25	----	----
Smyrna	119	----	94	----	101	67
Harvest Temple	171	65	93	47	107	58
New Bern First	126	----	85	----	----	----
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	84	----	103	53
Benson	167	48	81	20	60	28
Bethany	155	5	81	22	109	43
St. John	132	----	81	----	34	48
Pikes Crossroads	188	----	76	----	130	50
Brocks Chapel	156	----	75	----	91	33
Roanoke Rapids	260	515	73	200	101	12
Baywood	113	----	71	----	60	58
Rehoboth	139	----	69	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	65	----	68	----	30	31
Roper	88	----	67	----	85	58
Trinity RMD	90	----	63	----	55	53
Graham Memorial	100	----	63	----	54	32
Mount Olive	90	----	63	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	62	----	----	----
Bridgeton	75	----	62	----	----	----
Sharon	99	----	61	----	43	27
Thomas Chapel	127	----	61	----	64	24
Maranatha	63	----	60	----	40	53
Emmanuel	93	----	60	----	50	43
Tyndall Grove	85	----	59	----	24	14
Tabernacle	75	----	58	----	62	43
Thompson Chapel	104	----	58	----	59	44
Moores Chapel	109	----	57	----	75	54
Wilmington	142	----	57	----	142	26
Hobgood	88	----	57	----	----	----
Calvary LD	31	----	57	----	33	----
Holly Hill	108	----	56	----	102	34
Thunderswamp	91	----	56	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	114	----	56	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	54	----	----	----
Selma	73	----	53	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	53	----	49	29
Aberdeen	78	----	52	----	68	25
Liberty	46	----	52	----	----	----
Boardman	205	----	51	----	201	33
Carson Memorial	78	----	51	----	65	29
Midway	141	31	51	22	81	38
Snow Hill	51	----	51	----	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	50	----	55	33
Westview	112	----	50	----	88	61
Ebenezer	68	----	49	----	48	33
Hamilton	78	----	49	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	49	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	49	----	59	36
Scotland Neck	73	41	49	41	32	34
Shiloh FD	93	----	48	----	----	----
Elizabethtown	70	11	47	11	----	----
Manleys Grove	120	----	47	----	----	----
Kenly	85	----	46	----	----	----
Jones Grove	66	----	46	----	----	----
Faith WD	65	57	46	197	----	----
Westmoreland	121	----	45	----	73	33
Heritage	56	----	45	----	72	47
Albritton	74	19	45	18	43	28
Niagara	145	----	44	----	39	19
Bethel	86	----	44	----	----	----
New Vision	58	----	44	----	38	25
Hodges Chapel	82	----	43	----	----	----
Goshen	75	----	43	----	36	32
Independence	57	----	43	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	76	----	41	----	65	52
Garland	62	----	41	----	----	----
Jacksonville	74	----	41	----	57	45
Friendship WD	88	----	37	----	52	33
Shekinah	50	----	37	----	16	15
Friendship NBD	47	----	37	----	26	21
Bailey	64	----	36	----	21	19
Vaughans Chapel	50	----	36	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	36	----	----	----
New Covenant	44	----	35	----	30	19
Lyon Memorial	88	----	35	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	45	----	35	----	----	----
Hopewell	40	----	34	----	39	34
Red Springs	71	----	34	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	32	----	32	----	30	30
Lowland	32	----	32	----	24	----
Sims	46	----	32	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	30	----	28	12
Vanceboro	33	----	30	----	----	----
Wades Point	53	----	30	----	22	14
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	27	----	25	17
Living Waters	73	----	27	----	89	23
New Creation	32	----	26	----	----	----
Black Creek	55	----	26	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	25	----	45	17
Plymouth	59	----	25	----	----	----
Merritts Chapel	58	----	25	----	----	----
Clayton	34	----	24	----	----	----
Alliance	40	----	22	----	44	----
New Hope	27	----	22	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	22	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	56	----	18	----	19	8
Middlesex	16	----	18	----	----	----
Alert	58	----	15	----	28	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	14	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	13	----	16	----
Goose Creek	30	----	12	----	20	----
New Life	27	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	19	----	11	----	----	----
Lighthouse	9	----	7	----	----	----
Windsor	13	7	6	9	----	----
Total:	16, 729	1,052	9,242	850	7,817	5,324
Average:	----	----	----	45	91	66
Count:	----	----	132	----	86	81

NATIONAL CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

HAS BEEN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES
WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES FOR THE YEAR 1995.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOLD SEAL AWARD

(Scores of 100+ to 91)

Ebenezer
Graham Memorial
Benson
Saint Pauls
Shiloh (Fayetteville District)
Jacksonville
Shiloh (Wilson District)
Mount Carmel
Albritton
Emmanuel

SUNDAY SCHOOL SILVER SEAL AWARD

(Scores of 90 to 80)

Robersonville
Wallace
Gospel Tabernacle
Ahoskie
Bethany
Peniel
Kinston First
Reelsboro
Stedman
Bizzell Grove
Thunder Swamp
Clubreth Memorial

YOUTH MINISTRIES GOLD SEAL AWARD

(Scores of 100+ to 91)

Ebenezer
Saint Paul
Gospel Tabernacle
Stedman
Mount Carmel

YOUTH MINISTRIES SILVER SEAL AWARD

(Scores of 90 to 80)

Peniel
Shiloh (Wilson District)
Reelsboro
Robersonville
Bizzell Grove
Graham Memorial

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 | JULY 1996 | NUMBER 7

Now the Lord is that Spirit:
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
II Corinthians 3:17

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

FREEDOM, LIBERTY, PROTECTED RIGHTS, ETC.

These are precious to all of us. Multitudes have sought and still seek spiritual, political, economic, and social refuge in this great country called America. Thank God for these freedoms and this land. However, let all be assured that no person is really free until his soul has found rest in the saving and keeping grace of God.

We must share this fact with all people and let them know beyond any doubt there is no salvation except in *Jesus Christ*, our *Lord*.

Between my many printed materials and my own sermon preparations I have found nothing that expresses "Independence" celebration quite as adequately as a message entitled "God Bless America" written by Dr. Hershey Ford in *Special Days and Occasions*. This volume is one of his Simple Sermons series. This simple message is timely. Most of the following is quoted from this little book.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance [Psalm 33:12].

Why are so many people singing "GOD BLESS AMERICA"? Surely it must be that they feel the need of God's blessings upon our country. In a world that is torn to pieces, where it seems that everything good is going down, people are feeling that they want to reach out and touch God's hand, to know that He is standing there in the shadows, that He is watching over us and blessing us and keeping us to the end of the way.

The history of America has been wrapped around with the blessings of God.

America was founded as a Christian nation. Our forefathers founded our nation upon the Christian religion, and America will live so long as the Lord is our God. When the Continental Congress, faced with great problems and difficulties, knew not which way to turn, Benjamin Franklin called the members of the Congress to fall upon their knees and pray. Can you imagine what would happen today if our great legislative bodies prayed more and talked less?

God has always richly blessed America. God has given us wonderful natural resources. Practically every commodity that man uses can be found in America.

God has given us bountiful natural beauty. There is an old slogan, "See America First." That is a good idea for there is much to see in our beloved land. Put all the scenery of all the world together, and we can match it right here in the good old U.S.A. God reached down His hand and painted a beautiful picture, and we call it America.

God has given us good government. We have tasted freedom throughout the years, and we will never surrender that freedom to any one man or group of men.

God has given us freedom of speech and press.

We are not slaves of the state, but we are free people, living in a free country.

God has given us religious freedom. Whatever may be your belief, no one can close your church because your religion does not coincide with his.

God has given us separation of church and state. We have no state church in the United States – all who worship God "worship according to the dictates of their own consciences."

God has given us a country where everyone has a chance. Thank God for a country where there is no caste nor class to hold a man down if he is made of the right stuff.

God has given us an ideal location. Back in 1939, you will remember that we had two Thanksgiving Days. Walter Winchell said a good thing about them. He said, "We need two Thanksgiving Days – one day on which to give thanks for the Atlantic Ocean, and another day on which to thank God for the Pacific Ocean."

America needs God today. America needs most of all to repent of her sins and to turn back to God.

America needs God in Government. There are great decisions to be made today, and every public man from the president down to the humblest official needs to seek the wisdom of the Almighty

America needs God in business. In the old days an iron cross was erected in the marketplace to cause the people to remember that all the buying and selling were under the spirit of the Cross. That same spirit ought to permeate every business relationship that we have.

America needs God in her homes. Two men were walking down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington. One man pointed proudly to the Capitol dome and said, "There is the heart of our nation." The other man said, "No, the heart of America in the homes."

America needs God in her schools today. Our schools once had almighty influence upon morals and public life. They must come again to be character molders.

America needs God in her churches. Isn't God in our churches today? I am afraid that sometimes we fill the churches with some many programs and campaigns and drives that He doesn't have a chance with us, and yet the church ought to be the center of our lives. We ought to love it and give it the best that we have.

And now I am speaking to the individual. What is your part? What is the best thing that you can do for America? The best thing that you can do is give her a good Christian life. Live for Christ and for country and for home and for church, and God will know it and bless America to the end of the way.

God is with us. He always has been and He always will be. If we follow Him, America will go through and we will land at last at a happy destination. So with all the feeling of our hears, let us pray:

God bless America, land that we love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the ocean white with foam,
God bless America, my home, sweet home.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend C. E. Hester

I did not get to know Reverend C. E. Hester in my earlier years in the conference because our places of service were distinctly separated in a geographical sense. He officially retired twenty-six years ago. However, since being in my current assignment, I had the privilege to visit him and converse on several occasions. I found him to be a most congenial brother. I regret I was out of the state on conference business and could not participate in his funeral service. Three of my brethren have submitted articles in his honor. Please read them. [TEL]

Rev. Charlie Edison Hester

Rev. Charlie E. Hester was born November 14, 1901, to the home of Lonnie J. and Delphia Hester in Bladen County, NC. He was married to Lillian Champion on September 23, 1921. To this union were born seven children, Arnold (deceased), Louise (deceased), James Winston, Murlon (deceased), Odell, Mavis, and Gladys. Brother Hester went to meet the Lord on Monday, May 13, 1996. It was my privilege to assist Pastor Ken Milliken in Brother Hester's funeral on Wednesday, May 15, 1996.

Max Lucado tells us, "If there are a thousand steps between us and God, He will take all but one. He will leave the final one for us. The choice is ours." We don't know when C. E. Hester took his first steps in 1902 and thrilled the hearts of his dad and mom. We do know when C. E. Hester took his *first* step toward his heavenly father and thrilled His heavenly Father, his elder brother, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and caused the angels to rejoice (joy within the household). The day was in September 1927. C. E. Hester was twenty-six. On that day he was saved.

He took another step in July 1938 - a step to the gospel ministry. He was thirty-eight years old. Revs. Jerome Hodges and C. B. Strickland, Pentecostal Holiness men of history, gave him Missions Workers license within the NC Conference. Later he joined the NC Conference in Goldsboro, NC, during the summer of 1940. He was ordained by Bishop Dan T. Muse in the summer of 1944.

The work of the ministry is tremendously important. Listen to the Word: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever" Hebrews 13:7-8. Paraphrased this says, Appreciate your pastors who give you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness and truthfulness instruct you. There should be a consistency in all of us. Jesus doesn't change; He's always totally Himself.

Brother Hester pastored eight churches over the years of his ministry. They were: Oak Ridge (two terms), Raeford, Black Swamp Mission, Aberdeen, Bladen County Mission, Calvary (Tar Heel), Hope Mills, and the Bashan Holiness Church. He conducted two tent meetings that went two weeks each in Stedman and Spring Lake

After thirty-two years of active ministry, he retired in 1970. I met him personally in the fall of 1974. He was one of the former pastors of the church I was pastoring (Oak Ridge). I found him to be a man of God worthy to carry the title of a called pastor of God. Even in his retirement he remained active conducting regular services in the area nursing homes.

In another article Rev. Conrad Hall speaks of his value to the Hope Mills Church. They honored him in May 1988 by naming the new Fellowship Hall in his honor.

A pastor is a special calling. A doctor's mistake is buried. A lawyer's mistake is imprisoned. An accountant's mistake is written off. A dentist's mistake is pulled. A plumber's mistake is stopped. An electrician's mistake is shocked. A printer's mistake is reprinted. But a pastor-teacher's mistake is never erased—it lasts for all eternity.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand" Psalm 37:23-24. May we follow in his footsteps.

D. Chris Thompson
NC Conference
Assistant Superintendent

A Special Tribute to Rev. Charlie E. Hester

I am grateful to God for the opportunity of having known in a personal way Rev. Charlie E. Hester. I was his pastor for approximately nine years.

My life was enriched by his faithful, loving service to the Lord and the church. His life will continue to inspire us as we think of him and his dedication to the Lord.

I had heard of Brother Hester for about all of my ministerial life and on one occasion had met him. But I never got to know him personally until I became pastor of the Hope Mills Church. Following his retirement he became active and attended the church.

One of his favorite Scriptures was Paul's statement in Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." For almost nine years I saw the first part of this statement lived out in his life. This was projected in his love for God, his Church, his family,

and his neighbors. Brother Hester was always faithful to all the ministries of the church in those years

I personally feel that Brother Hester's best pastorate of the several he served in the NC Conference was the Hope Mills Church which he served for several years. He served after assisting in its beginning for a number of years working untiringly for its foundational beginning.

He was instrumental in securing property and with his own hands built the first building. This building was to later benefit the church in income of about $30,000.00 plus several years of rent. Brother Hester gave himself without reservation in the establishment and the ongoing of the church in Hope Mills.

At my retirement from the church in 1986, we recommended to the Board that the newly built Fellowship building debt-free be dedicated in his honor. A special service was planned and the building was dedicated in his honor as the "Rev. Charlie E. Hester Fellowship Building."

Today there stands a beautiful building with picture and plaque on the wall designating the building. I am personally appreciative to the Pastor, Board and Church for having honored this great minister and man of God. It will for years to come serve this church as it continues to grow under the capable leadership of Pastor Ken Milliken. It will continue to remind us that those before like Brother Hester have sacrificially given themselves in the work of God and will challenge us to fervently continue the work, knowing that like Brother Hester, "to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

My love, thoughts and prayers go out to his loving, devoted wife, Sister Lillian, and his children.

Brother Hester's favorite song was, "When They Ring The Golden Bells For You and Me." The chorus says, "Don't you hear the bells now ringing; Don't you hear the angels singing? 'Tis a glorious hallelujah jubilee. In the far off sweet forever, Just beyond the shining river. When they ring the golden bells for you and me."

Brother Hester has entered the palace of the King. He is at rest from all his labors. His journey is completed. He has heard from the Great King, Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord. We love and appreciate his life and ministry.

Former Pastor
Conrad N. Hall

A Man With A Good Name

Not blessed with an abundance of wealth or material goods, Rev. Charlie Hester was blessed with that good name more desirable than riches and that esteem better than silver and gold. The mention of his name brings thoughts of ...

Courtesy

Brother Hester was a true Christian gentleman. I never saw him out of sorts with or disrespectful toward anyone. He treated everyone with dignity and respect. High and low, rich and poor, black or white were all given that regard due to God's special creation made in His image.

Conviction

He believed that a Christian should be careful about his walk with the Lord. Brother Hester was careful about what he said, careful about what he did, careful about what he thought, careful about what he read, careful about what he looked at, careful about where he went. Casual Christianity was to him a contradiction in terms. What he would have called "worldliness" had no place in his life.

Compassion

But His deep, personal convictions did not make him a hard, legalistic, unsympathetic, "grace-killing" Christian, for he was a man of deep compassion who clothed his own personal conviction in love. He lived what he believed but gave to all the same liberty to follow their conscience in the light of the Word.

No Compromise

Although gentle with people, he was a fierce foe of the devil, to whom he would cede no ground, not even an inch. During a testimony service sometime back Brother Hester gently chided the saints for giving ground to the enemy. It was in one of those testimony services when the saints were given more to telling their troubles and woes than testifying to the grace of the Lord. As the tales of lamentation continued, Brother Hester grew increasingly restive and agitated. Finally, unable to contain himself any longer he said, "Brother, I really think we would all do better to give more credit to the Lord and not so much to the devil."

Continuing Influence

In 2 Kings is the wonderful account of a soldier killed in battle brought back to life simply by being brought into contact with the bones of the prophet Elisha. That account tells us that there is continuing power in a godly life even when that earthly life is over. Brother Hester's godly influence will continue on through his children and grandchildren, through every church he has pastored, through every soul he touched that touches someone else. His ministry will continue to bear fruit for the glory of God until Jesus comes.

Rev. Ken Milliken
Pastor Hope Mills
Pentecostal Holiness Church

NEWS FROM VICK'S CHAPEL

Vick's Chapel is rejoicing in the Lord for His wonderful blessings upon our church.

With a church membership of nine, our 1996 goal was to place a parsonage mobile home behind the church. It wasn't a small task for a small congregation, but with our faith in God and the persistence of our people, we have been able to see the fruits of our labors.

This required surveying the land, clearing 100 feet of wooded area, having the land perked, and installing a new septic tank.

Stretching our faith to a mighty God, telling everyone what God is doing, we have seen the fruits of our prayers and labors.

We are now searching for the perfect mobile home. We give God the praise!

We have just concluded four nights revival with Rev. Ed Woolard, pastor of Westmoreland, Wilson, NC. We recommend him to any church.

We give God the glory for the great and mighty things he is doing at Vick's Chapel. "Isn't God good."

Vick's Chapel is located just off the Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount, NC on Redman Road.

S. W. Webb, pastor

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Rev. Mrs. Mozelle Dowd	July 4
Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 4
Rev. M. R. Britton	July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall	July 19
Rev. Ezra Fann	July 27

MEN'S MINISTRIES

MEN'S MINISTRIES ACTIVE IN '96

Robert Frost said, "The world is full of willing people—some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." I thank God that he has blessed the North Carolina Conference with men who are more than willing to work in His kingdom.

The first six months of 1996 have been exciting. The Gospel Tabernacle and Robersonville church report very successful Resurrection Breakfasts. This was the Robersonville church's first annual breakfast, and all 200 available seats were sold. Congressman David Funderburk was the speaker at Gospel Tabernacle.

A Resurrection Breakfast is a powerful ministry for reaching unsaved. Men, how about starting to plan now for your church to sponsor a 1997 Resurrection Breakfast? Please contact me if you need more information.

Hundreds of our men attended Promise Keepers in Washington and Charlotte and have returned to their families, churches, and communities with renewed commitment to make a difference in a world that so desperately needs Jesus.

Two conference Men of Action projects are being planned. In August, we will provide support services to the Royal Rangers at three Pow Wow's at Camp Tuscarora. Board member Gordon Knox is project coordinator.

I am delighted that our men will be working with the Falcon Children's Home to re-roof one of the buildings on their campus. Board member Charles Byrd will coordinate this Men of Action project, and the work will be done in late summer or early fall. One of our men has donated the material.

Your Men's Ministries Board is actively recruiting District Directors. To date, we have directors for the Lumberton District, the Clinton District, and the Robersonville District. If you are interested in serving your district, please give me a call.

In a commercial for **Advil**, Texas Rangers pitcher and world record holder for no-hitters says "There's no off season anymore." If that is true for sports, how much more true is it for the vital work of telling the world about Jesus and showing his love to everyone we meet?

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" [Psalm 126:3].

Phil Mooring
Conference Men's Ministries Director

YOU'RE INVITED

Evening Speaker

Dr. E. Leroy Baker
Houston, Texas

A.M. Bible Speaker

Rev. Gary Strickland
Fayetteville, NC

Subject: "Through Christ, Christians Still Embrace the Ten Commandments"

Music Director

Rev. David Oxley
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

1996 FALCON CAMP MEETING
JULY 21 - 28, 1996
CULBRETH AUDITORIUM
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

— SPECIAL NOTE —

Continuing Education Units will be awarded ministers who attend the 11:00 a.m. Bible Classes and Promotional Conference.
A minimum of 6 credits will be offered.

ALL SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J. A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE

Lines From Linda ...

Well, here it is mid year—six months since Christmas past and six months until Christmas to come; and, would you believe, I have today been listening to and playing on my piano Christmas music. As music director in my church, I am now beginning to prepare for Christmas program and cantata time.

Today, as I was sitting at my piano, my love for music and my appreciation for the opportunity to enjoy it so much flooded my spirit. My mind went back to some of my earliest remembrances. I recalled that as a little girl. I wanted to play the piano. We did not have a piano in our home, so I would pull my chair up to the window sill and move my fingers over the imaginary keyboard I envisioned there.

My parents observed my desire to play. A dear black lady in our neighborhood had a piano which she wanted to sell, and Daddy bought it for our home. What an exciting day for me when he backed the truck up to our front door with that piano for our living room! It was a huge old upright model with ivory keys, but Mrs. Lela Green had taken good care of it; and, to me, it was beautiful. The height of the stool could be adjusted; and being the short, fat little girl I was, when my hands reached the keyboard in the proper manner, my feet would hardly reach the pedal. But that didn't matter, for I had a song in my heart.

My mother also loved music. She had a beautiful voice and had sung with a ladies group in our church, but she never had the opportunity to study music. So, she was eager to see me begin piano lessons. I'm sure she sacrificed financially to pay for those lessons. I got out of washing dishes lots of times by heading for that piano to practice. She and Daddy and the rest of my family showed pride in my love of music.

Soon my younger sister, Peggie, began to show an interest in music as well. We saw that she had a GREAT voice (when I say great, I mean both quality and volume). She and I would find ourselves at the piano quite often practicing songs to be sung at church. Our pastor at that time was Rev. James McCandless, and his daughter, Deana, had a beautiful voice; so we joined up and became a trio. When the McCandless family moved from Holly Hill, Peggie and I were missing our third part harmony, so we started training our baby sister, Gloria Jean. Jeannie (as we call her) says that she still has imprints in her wrists from my fingernails where I held her in place to practice. She was very young, and her attention span for practicing didn't match Peggie's and mine. But she endured, and before long we were traveling all over eastern North Carolina, as the Morris Sisters Trio, singing southern gospel music.

We spent many hours around that second-hand piano singing together. Many times Moma and Daddy and whoever else was in the house would join us there. We would all raise our voices in song and have a happy time together.

It is no wonder that as our family stood around my mother's deathbed, God spoke to my heart and said, "Sing for her one more time." I questioned God. "Lord, how can we sing? Moma is dying. This is no time to sing." But God spoke to my heart again, "Sing for her one more time." I still questioned, and I asked God to speak to someone else's heart also if it were really His will for us to sing for her there in that hospital room. Almost instantly, Jeannie spoke up and said, "Let's sing for Moma one more time." Without any hesitancy, we lifted our voices in song:

I will meet you in the morning, Just inside the Eastern Gate,
Then be ready faithful pilgrim, Lest with you it be too late.

If you hasten off to Glory, Linger near the Eastern Gate,
For I'm coming in the morning, So you'll not have long to wait.

Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning, For the Bridegroom watch and wait,
He'll be with us at that meeting, Just inside the Eastern Gate.

I will meet you, I will meet you, Just inside the Eastern Gate over there.
I will meet you, I will meet you, I will meet you in the morning over there.

We sang the entire song, and as it's strains flowed out of that hospital room into the hallways and other rooms, Moma's love of God and the song of her heart witnessed to doctors, nurses and patients in a way that only The Holy Spirit could have made possible. I learned that day for a certainty that you can have a song in the darkest of nights.

Paul wrote to the Ephesians that they were to be filled with the Spirit and to speak to themselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in their hearts to the Lord. What a difference a song can make, but what a greater difference a song can make when it is sung from a heart that is filled with the Spirit.

I still love to sit at the keyboard. When I am asked to play for a funeral, wedding, or special event in the community, I do it as unto the Lord and in tribute to my Mother and Daddy for giving me this gift that has so enriched my life. Some of the greatest blessings from God that I have ever received have been as I sat alone in my living room at the keyboard—just singing praise to Him and allowing His Spirit to flood my heart. I will ever be grateful to my parents for noticing the song in the heart of their little girl. I will ever be grateful to the people at Holly Hill Church who encouraged me and gave me the opportunity to use, in His house, the talent God had given me. And, even now as I am spending time in the middle of summer working on a Christmas program, I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR GIVING ME MUSIC!!

GEMS Whitney Oglesby, Brittany Denning, Kari Sanderson, Nicki Sanderson, Ashley Jackson, Ashley Howell, Kathryn Johnson and Sponsors Jean Parson, Ginger Connor, Charlene Britt, and Kathy Holloman pose for GEMS Day picture at St. John.

St. John Gems Day ...

On April 21, 1996, ten candles "talked" at St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church. The GEMS Day celebration, entitled *Candles Talk,* was exciting from beginning to end. Each girl held a different color candle and related its significance in serving or not serving in God's Kingdom. At the close of the service, each member of the congregation lit a candle representing support of the GEMS ministry. The service ended with a prayer of rededication.

Sandra Britt
St. John GEMS Coordinator

DISTRICT DIRECTORS Linda Askew, Gail Davis, Charlene Strong, Janie Howard and Justine Lee welcome convention attendees.

NCWM Convention ...

It seems that whenever the women of North Carolina Women's Ministries gather, there is always great excitement, warmth and fellowship. The 1996 convention held in Falcon on Saturday, June 8, was no exception. The ladies began to gather around 8:30 a.m. to register and find their choice seat. Prelude music by Mrs. Jane Warren at the piano and Mrs. Linda Faircloth at the organ filled the Culbreth Tabernacle to set the tone for a time of spiritual renewal. Superintendent T. E. Long opened the meeting with a warm welcome and prayer. President Linda Thomas also greeted those who attended and welcomed them. Wilson First WM President Shirley Proctor led the congregation in choruses.

Each lady present received a packet of information and favors, and this packet was reviewed by Board Member Janice Marshburn. The business session was led by President Thomas as she gave her report for the year. The convention theme, OUR MISSION...At Home and Abroad, was at the heart of her report as she stressed to the ladies that the heart of Women's Ministries is winning souls to Jesus. She also introduced each member of the NCWM Leadership Team, presented them with gifts, and gave them opportunity to speak regarding their area of leadership.

Board members, Sue Parker, Patsy Deese, Phyllis Harrell, and Janice Marshburn each encouraged the ladies to participate in the programs that are relative to their portfolios. Six scholarships were presented to young people who plan to attend Emmanuel College in the fall.

The Past President's Club presented NCWM with a plaque, tape player and cassette tape recording about the founder of Women's Ministries, Mrs. Lila Barry. The tape was made by Mrs. Berry's granddaughter, Beverly, and will be placed, in the Octagon Tabernacle to be used as part of the tour of the historic birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. A portrait of Mrs Berry will be added to this display in the future.

An Award of Superiority Bar (8 Consecutive years of 100 points) was presented to Kinston First Church WM and an Award of Superiority (4 Consecutive years of 100 points) to New Bern First Church WM. The churches receiving Certificates of Excellence (100 points for the year) were also recognized.

Mrs. Dollie Davenport, a past NCWM President, gave a warm and moving tribute to the memories of NCWM members who departed this life and went to be with the Lord during 1995. A beautiful floral arrangement, which was given by the Jacksonville WM, graced the altar in memory of one of those ladies, Mrs. Hazel Robinson.

Mrs. Diane Harris sang *Stars In My Crown* to introduce the skit by Stedman Youth Drama Team entitled, *Crowns For His Feet.* The message of the drama was that we would not want to meet God without having won souls for Him. Mrs. Joyce Blease, General WM Board Member, was the guest speaker. She brought a timely message on reaching souls for Christ and led the congregation in a time of prayer and commitment.

In closing, President Linda Thomas led the group in writing individual mission statements. Without a vision, the people perish; and without a mission, the people flounder. She encouraged each one present to seek God and determine His will as members of Women's Ministries both individually and collectively. She also shared with them the NCWM Mission Statement as follow:

North Carolina Women's Ministries will share Christ and touch the lives of men, women, boys and girls around the world through our prayers, our finances, and our deeds

Women's Ministries groups from all over the conference responded to the invitation to bring gifts to replenish the Missions Commissary. Gifts brought were: coffee makers, bowl sets, towels, bath cloths, dish towels, sheets, pot holders, blanket, bedspread, toaster, pots & pans, pitchers & glasses sets, can openers, clock, dishes, 4-qt. slow cookers, knife sets, stainless steel flatware, plastic storage containers, toothbrushes & toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, mop, dust pan, sewing kit, detergent, clothes basket and money. Thanks to their generosity, the shelves in the Commissary are now ready for shopping by our furloughed missionaries.

North Carolina Women's Ministries is fulfilling OUR MISSION... At Home and Abroad.

Mrs. Joyce Blease, General WM Board Member addresses the convention.

Donna Writes...

God uses women? This was a question in the Old Testament period. It is a fact that the ancient world was better known as "A Man's World." In the Old Testament, there are several good women found. This list would consist of Patriarchal wives such as Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, and Moses' sister, Miriam. In the period of the judges Deborah exercised unusual leadership and the Moabitess Ruth became a blessing to Israel. Hannah illustrates both the despair of a childless woman and the grace of Godly motherhood. The advice of Lemuel's mother to her son in Proverbs 31 pictures the tireless life of a faithful woman. In the ancient world such prominence for the woman was attained and achieved by force of character. Sometimes, as in the case of Esther, this was aided by circumstances not of her seeking.

Although the ancient world was known as a "Man's World," it was not at all the plans of God. Genesis asserts the full humanity of women. The special account of her creation emphasizes the women's superiority to all lower beings, man's need of her as a helper, her intimate relationship to him as part of his inmost being, and the indissoluble nature of marriage.

The teaching of Jesus stressed the original purpose of God in creating of woman. His example in healing (Luke 10:38-42) reinforced His words. The Gospel of Luke is full of evidence of Jesus' understanding of and sympathy with women which set a pattern for normal Christian living.

Godly women were influential in Jesus' background. Look at Elizabeth, the mother of his forerunner; Virgin Mary; Anna; Mary Magadelene; Martha and Mary. There were other times when women were very significant. Women accompanied the disciples to aid them in their journeys. Women were there at the crucifixion and after the resurrection of Christ. During the time between the Ascension and Pentecost, women joined with men in prayer. Women were the first converts in Europe, including Lydia at Philippi.

During the month of July, we will celebrate America's freedom. I am thankful that every born again woman can celebrate even a greater freedom—**CHRISTIAN FREEDOM!** Let us celebrate by allowing God to use us as He has used women in the past to build His Kingdom on this earth through the local church and through Women's Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Donna Long
New Bern District WM Director

Donna is the daughter of George & Geneva Justice. She grew up in Hillsborough, NC, (located in the Western North Carolina Conference). Donna is a graduate of Holmes College of the Bible. She is the wife of Rev. Greg Long, pastor of New Bern First Pentecostal Holiness Church. Greg and Donna are the proud parents of a one-year-old son, Justin. Donna teaches the primary Sunday School class, nursery class on Family Night, and is a first grade teacher at Ruth's Chapel Christian School in New Bern.

Meet The Twins...

Pictured are Mary Beth and Emily Nicole Berry, granddaughters of Sue and Jettie Parker, who were born on February 12, 1996.

Ladies, you have sent up many prayers for these precious babies. God has been so good! Yes, they are adorable! Emily has personality plus, and Mary Beth is cuddly and sweet. Please continue to remember them when you pray.

Fund-raising Idea...

Selma WM suggests **Birthday Calendars** as a fund-raiser. They have used this idea through Gordon Bernard Company, Inc., 5601 Ridge Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213. (Phone 513-531-1484; Fax 513-531-2485.) Their area sales representative for North Carolina and Virginia is Lucy Presnell, 5317 Edgewood Road, Raleigh, NC 27609. (Phone 919-782-1586.)

A Light, Summer Recipe...

FRUIT SUPREME

Submitted by Rose Anna Martin, Mooreville

1 can fruit cocktail
1 can sliced peaches (drained)
1 can chunky pineapple (drained)
1 jar red cherries

2 apples, peeled and diced

1 small box raisins (more may be added)
1 cup pecan pieces
2 bananas, peeled and sliced
1 cup dark grapes, seedless
2 tablespoons mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients together well. Add a bit of the drained juice if necessary to have a better consistency. Chill and serve in pretty container. (Yield: 12 servings)

God Bless America

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Hispanic Outreach Within The NC Conference

God is moving within the churches of the NC Conference. He is especially moving in the area of Hispanic Outreach.

Within the last ten years, Hispanics have moved into North Carolina by the thousands. They have come from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and many other Latin American countries. Most are unsaved. So many are hungry for God. They need Jesus! The number in most large communities has approached or exceeded 5%.

On May 24-26 a regional Hispanic revival was held at the East Side Church in Sanford. They have been having a Hispanic service for a year. The attendance in three services was 240, 148, and 280. Over **50** were saved. To God be the glory!

The speaker was Rev. Antonio Ortiz (pictured above). Brother Ortiz joined the Conference two months ago. He and his wife Erma come to NC from Puerto Rico via Massachusetts. Brother Ortiz has a fantastic testimony. He was saved from drug addiction, drug pushing, and from prison. He has been healed of AIDS. He is mightily used of God in the pulpit.

Rev. Ortiz has been pastoring the East Side Hispanic congregation and is on WSKL radio (1290) Monday—Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. The program is of course in Spanish.

A special word of commendation is in order to Pastor Anthony Rogers and the East Side Church. They are to be applauded for their vision and openness to reach out to those of another nationality. WELL DONE!

During the weekend of May 31—June 2, Rev. Ortiz conducted a get-acquainted Hispanic revival at the Robersonville Church. The attendance average was 40 plus in three services. Some 48 different Hispanic people attended. Fifteen were saved.

Pastor Noah Barefoot, the Robersonville Church, and the Williamston District are banning together to start a Hispanic Church in the area. Patrick Figuroa of Fayetteville is working in the area as a summer intern. He is pursuing ministerial license with the Conference. May the Lord bring this new church into fruition.

On Friday night, June 7, Brother Ortiz began a radio program within the Williamston District (Spanish of course). It will air on WIAM AM 900 on Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. May the Lord richly bless the program.

In addition to this, both Evangel (Pastor William O'Neal), Northwood Temple (Pastor John Hedgepeth), and Gospel Tabernacle (Pastor King E. White) have functioning Hispanic services. Rev. Luis Manriquiz pastors the Evangel Hispanic Church. He is a member of the Conference. Miguel and Lydia Figuroa lead the Northwood Hispanics. They are pursuing membership within the Conference this year.

I am so excited and thankful with what the Lord is doing in our Conference in the area of Hispanic Outreach. I am thrilled that our Anglo congregations are opening their doors to their Spanish brethren, for truly they are **our brothers**.

In addition to the above we are pursuing building a relationship with newly existing Hispanic congregations in Tarboro, Wilson, and Wendell. May the Lord give us His wisdom and guidance.

District Revitalization Meeting

Special Update

The District Revitalization Meetings have gone exceedingly well. The speakers have spoken well and have been greatly anointed. Eight more districts have met, and four more will meet this fall.

All the speakers - Noah Barefoot, Jr., Roger Barefoot, Roland Harrell, Ferrell Hardison, Jim Forehand, Maurice Phelps, Randal Strickland, and Jim Whitfield have spoken. Tapes may be ordered ***NOT from the Conference Office*** **BUT from *David Butts*** in Rocky Mount (919) 937-2999 or (919) 937-6038. The tapes are three dollars each. Notes from the sessions (as available) may be ordered from the Conference Evangelism Office (no charge).

The last four district meetings are:

September 5	New Bern First	Hardison & Whitfield
October 22	Evangelistic Temple	Strickland, Harrell & R. Barefoot
October 24	Faith (Greenville)	Hardison & N. Barefoot
November 14	Winter Park	Hardison & Strickland

Anyone may attend any sessions. CEUs are awarded.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT—ELMER TOWNS

Elmer Towns will be in the conference for his last seminar with us this year on Saturday, August 17, Gospel Tabernacle, Dunn. His first two seminars have been excellent! He has greatly been used by the Lord. The clergy and laymen who have attended have been well blessed.

The cost is $12.00 per person. A church who brings six or more is charged $10.00 each. Six credits for ministerial CEUs are awarded.
Anyone who has attended one of the first two seminars may return at no extra charge (unless he gets another packet). The seminar is entitled, "How to Reach the Baby Boomer."

"Doctor" John B. Parker

The Lord has given some special missionaries to the NC Conference and International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Among them are John and Edna Parker.

At the most recent graduation ceremony (May) at Southwestern College, Oklahoma City, Brother Parker was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree for his labors. No one could have been chosen any better to receive this degree. Below is a portion of the tribute given about Brother Parker at Southwestern Ceremony. Praise God for this missionary couple!

(Special Note: Sister Edna Parker has recently written a book about the Parker's missionary experiences. Hopefully, it will be published soon. She has a special way of expression. I can't wait to get a copy.)

John B. Parker was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on June 5, 1927, and lived there until he finished high school. He attended Holmes College of the Bible from 1944—1947, graduating with a Th.B. He was licensed as a minister in 1945 in the North Carolina Conference and pastored the P.H. Church in Bethel, North Carolina, from 1947—1951. While pastoring, John attended East Carolina University where he earned a B.S. degree in English and Social Studies and an M.A. degree in American History and Political Science.

John's mother had quickened his interest in missions from an early age. The call became more definite during his first year at Holmes. John says that once he agreed to his call to preach, his call to the mission field was no problem. During his senior year at Holmes a mutual friend introduced him to Edna Harrell who was enrolled to begin studying at Homes. She didn't make much of an impression on him, she says, but he made a big one on her. During that first year at Holmes, the Lord began dealing with Edna about becoming a missionary. She promised the Lord she would go anywhere He wanted her to go, but quickly added that she was not going alone! God assured her that He would work out the details. Both John and Edna felt a distinct call to China. On one of their first dates, John mentioned to Edna that since they both were called to China, they might as well go together. Edna thought that was a great idea, and they eventually married in June of 1949. Since China was closed to missionaries because of the communist revolution, they volunteered to go any place they were needed. On Christmas Day, 1951, they left Garland, North Carolina, for San Jose, Costa Rica, to begin a missionary career that has now spanned five decades, countless countries, and thousands of Christian friends and acquaintances.

John recalls those first years in Costa Rica as some of the most challenging of all as they attended language school to become fluent in Spanish. While studying, John was also working closely with missionary Amos Bradley to pioneer the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Costa Rica. During his 23 years there, he was involved in church planting, conference administration, and ministerial training. Teaching at the Costa Rican Bible Institute was and still is a highlight in John's missionary career.

From 1974 to 1978, John served as instructor and Dean of the School of Religion at Southwestern College of Christian Ministries. Preparing young people for ministry, both in and out of the pulpit, was the focus of his ministry at Southwestern.

In 1978, John was appointed as General Supervisor of the Pentecostal Holiness work in Asia. He and Edna moved to Hong Kong, right to the doorstep of China. God had been faithful to take them to the land of their original calling. During their eight-year stay in Hong Kong, they were involved in outreach ministry in China.

Feeling the desire to return to his first love, John accepted a new assignment as Vice President and instructor at the Pentecostal Bible Institute in Santiago, Chile. Preparing and teaching classes in Spanish once again led him to sharpen his skills in cross cultural teaching.

Then in 1988, John was appointed as the General Supervisor of the P.H. work in Europe and the Middle East. Since the work in this part of the world was relatively new to the Pentecostal Holiness Church, ministerial training was viewed as a key ingredient in laying a strong foundation.

John presently serves on special assignment for World Missions Ministries as a mission field instructor in *advanced ministry studies*. You might find John teaching at CICM in London one month, at the Costa Rican Bible Institute the next month, and at Agape Bible College in Russia the following month. This type of ministry requires extensive study and preparation, sometimes in English, sometimes in Spanish. Throughout the years, John has remained aware of his need to stay abreast of the latest missions trends and strategies. He has been involved in proficiency studies at Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Illinois, Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, and Columbia College and Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina.

John and Edna have one son, David, and grandchildren, Ryan and Jennifer. David serves as Vice President of the Extension Loan Fund for the Pentecostal Holiness Church and is married to the former Irvina Smith. She works part-time for World Missions, producing many of their promotional materials.

John has earned the respect of thousand throughout the course of his ministry. He and Edna have set up housekeeping on four different continents since their marriage back in 1949 and now live in Dunn, North Carolina. John is truly gifted as a missionary-teacher. The desire to teach has always burned deeply within his heart, and being able to teach in so many different countries is simply icing on the cake for him.

SPECIAL "GO" OFFERING DATES

July 14	Day of Prayer and Fasting for Global Outreach (many churches receive a special love offering for Global Outreach on this Sunday).
July 21	Alternate "GO" Offering Sunday
July 24	Goal for all "GO" Offerings to be in Falcon. This allows for information to be printed in the bulletin for the Annual "GO" Service.
July 28	6:00 p.m. - Camp Meeting Annual "GO' Offering Service

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING

Excellence

IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT, APRIL 1996

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	----	638	----	627	478
Kinston First	620	----	297	----	321	256
Gospel Tabernacle	603	35	258	28	364	259
The First	360	----	216	----	----	----
The Capital	350	----	191	----	170	196
Greenville First	240	----	172	----	80	66
Shiloh WD	284	51	156	51	185	101
Tarboro First	214	25	152	33	185	140
Mt. Carmel	330	---	150	---	180	104
Stedman	280	---	150	---	251	135
St. Pauls	132	37	141	37	132	98
Lumberton	322	14	136	14	140	93
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	135	18	169	156
Robersonville	195	---	133	---	179	142
Chadbourn	187	---	133	---	174	92
Clinton	218	---	129	---	161	113
Williamston	164	11	128	11	132	90
Harkers Island	131	---	124	---	65	50
Pine Level	204	18	119	16	71	49
Millennium	178	35	116	37	90	64
Bizzell Grove	161	40	114	36	85	43
Wilson First	160	---	113	---	65	72
Brentwood	130	---	113	---	140	159
Peniel	260	---	113	---	108	79
Eastside	202	20	108	25	---	---
Whitley	269	---	107	---	237	241
St. Paul	156	---	105	---	40	30
Belfast	117	---	100	---	119	50
Harvest Temple	171	65	100	47	107	61
Wallace	227	---	95	---	67	69
Bethany	155	5	92	22	109	53
Benson	167	48	89	20	60	28
Living Faith Fell.	120	---	81	---	103	61
Roanoke Rapids	260	515	80	509	101	10
Pikes Crossroads	188	---	79	---	130	38
St. John	132	---	77	---	34	36
Baywood	113	---	74	---	60	56
Roper	88	---	73	---	85	71
Graham Memorial	100	---	70	---	54	33
Mount Olive	90	---	70	---	---	---
Rehoboth	139	---	68	---	---	---
Brocks Chapel	156	---	66	---	91	32
Smyrna	106	---	66	---	101	59
Hollands Chapel	65	---	65	---	30	27
Ayden	---	---	63	---	---	---
Harvest Fellowship	128	---	63	---	---	---
Sharon	99	---	62	---	43	25
Maranatha	63	---	62	---	40	57
Moores Chapel	107	---	61	---	75	54
Thompson Chapel	104	---	61	---	59	40
Bridgeton	75	---	60	---	---	---
Snow Hill	51	---	60	---	---	---
Hobgood	88	---	60	---	---	---
Emmanuel	93	---	60	---	50	39
Taylors Chapel	130	---	59	---	---	---
Jones Grove	66	---	59	---	---	---
Thomas Chapel	127	---	58	---	66	19
Tyndall Grove	85	---	56	---	24	0
New Bern First	126	---	56	---	---	---
Wilmington	142	---	56	---	142	22
Calvary LD	31	---	56	---	---	---
New Vision	58	---	54	---	38	20
Manleys Grove	124	---	54	---	---	---
Sanford First	94	---	53	---	49	38
Carson Memorial	78	---	53	---	65	31
Ebenezer	68	---	53	---	48	34
Shiloh FD	93	---	52	---	---	---
Liberty	46	---	51	---	---	---
Elizabethtown	70	11	51	11	---	---
Westview	112	---	50	---	88	43
Trinity RMD	90	---	50	---	48	45
Spring Hope	67	---	49	---	62	45
Faith WD	68	57	48	219	---	---
Selma	89	---	48	---	---	---
Scotland Neck	72	---	48	---	32	30
Bethel	86	---	48	---	---	---
Trinity CD	130	---	48	---	55	33
Albritton	74	19	48	19	43	30
Midway	141	31	48	24	81	36
Kenly	85	---	47	---	---	---
Friendship NBD	59	---	47	---	26	33
Ahoskie	104	---	46	---	59	33
Aberdeen	78	---	46	---	68	23
Jacksonville	74	---	45	---	57	46
Boardman	205	---	45	---	201	32
Hodges Chapel	82	---	43	---	---	---
Independence	57	---	43	---	---	---
Heritage	57	---	42	---	72	46
Garland	63	---	42	---	---	---
Lyon Memorial	85	---	42	---	---	---
Friendship WD	88	---	42	---	52	34
Westmoreland	121	---	41	---	73	34
Winterville	95	---	41	---	---	---
Gethsemane	154	---	41	---	48	19
Niagara	145	---	40	---	31	14
St. Matthew	73	---	39	---	---	---
Red Springs	71	---	39	---	---	---
Wade Point	53	---	38	---	29	16
Hopewell	40	---	38	---	39	36
Shekinah	50	---	37	---	16	16
Goshen	77	---	36	---	36	37
New Covenant	45	---	36	---	30	31
Sims	46	---	35	---	---	---
Abbottsburg	45	---	35	---	---	---
Bailey	64	---	34	---	21	22
Living Waters	73	---	34	---	89	24
Shelmerdine	76	---	34	---	65	61
Oak Ridge	64	---	33	---	28	13
Stantonsburg	108	---	33	---	62	---
Gospel Net Ministries	101	---	32	---	25	10
Vaughans Chapel	50	---	32	---	---	---
Weldon	66	---	32	---	---	---
Lowland	32	---	32	---	24	0
Vanceboro	33	---	30	---	---	---
Spring of Living Water	36	17	29	17	30	24
Grace Community	40	---	25	---	20	14
Black Creek	55	---	25	---	---	---
Clayton	34	---	24	---	---	---
Grifton	88	---	22	---	45	13
Merritts Chapel	58	---	21	---	---	---
New Creation	21	---	20	---	---	---
Plymouth	59	---	20	---	---	---
Crystal Coast	36	---	19	---	---	---
Alliance	40	---	19	---	44	0
New Hope	27	---	18	---	---	---
Alert	58	---	18	---	---	---
Calvary Temple	29	---	17	---	20	16
Sonlight	21	---	16	---	16	---
Middlesex	16	---	15	---	---	---
Vicks Chapel	18	---	13	---	---	---
Goose Creek	30	---	10	---	20	0
Wakelon	19	---	10	---	---	---
Windsor	13	8	8	8	---	---
New Life	27	---	8	---	---	---
Lighthouse	9	---	7	---	---	---
Total:	17,163	1,087	9,426	1,202	8,056	5,278
Average:	128	52	70	57	92	61
Count:	134	----	135	----	88	86

L.T.C. APPLICATION

Christian Education Department
North Carolina Conference
September 27—29, 1996

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Date Packet Sent: _____
Amount Received: $_____
Date Deposited: _____
Check #: _____
Amount Due: $_____

Name _____
Phone Number
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Church _____ Conference _____

Pastor _____ District _____

Position: (Check One)

- ☐ Senior Commander
- ☐ Outpost Councilman
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Outpost Commander
- ☐ Pastor or Minister
- ☐ Lt. Commander

Age Level Most Involved With (Check One)

- ☐ Pioneer
- ☐ Trailblazer
- ☐ Air, Sea, Trail Ranger
- ☐ Equal Involvement

Location Of School: Conference School/Cafeteria Building - Falcon, NC

Do you have any medical problems or dietary restrictions that we should know about? ☐ YES ☐ NO
(If yes, please give details on back)

All classed must be attended

Session 1 (Fri. a.m.)
Session 2 (Fri. a.m.)
Session 3 (Sat. a.m.)
Session 4 (Sat. p.m.)
Session 5 (Sun. a.m.)

A pre-registration fee of $55.00 **must** accompany this registration. This non-refundable fee covers the cost of the LTC Books and will be applied toward the full registration of $95.00. The remainder of the fee **must** be paid upon arrival. Checks should be earmarked "LTC," and mailed with application to:

NC Conference CE Department
PO Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342-0060

Telephone: (910) 980-1162

Fax: (910) 80-1634

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 AUGUST 1996 NUMBER 8

Toward 2000

Solemn Assembly

August 23-24, 1996

Northwood Temple
Fayetteville, NC

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Solemn Assembly

Why a Solemn Assembly? Why a prayer of Corporate forgiveness? These are only two of the questions I have been asked relative to the Solemn Assembly scheduled for August 23 and 24 at Northwood Temple in Fayetteville, N.C.

This scheduled event is designed to awaken a continued and vigilant awareness that Christians are involved for Christ on a battlefield, not a playground. We must rally the warriors of the cross to the urgency of snatching fellow citizens from the waiting jaws of hell. We must spare no effort or available resources to create this awareness.

Jesus' encounter with spiritual wickedness and the wicked one is our ultimate example and role model. I quote Dr. Peter Wagner in **Confronting The Powers**, pages 121 and 122, "Jesus' public ministry began with an eyeball-to-eyeball encounter with Satan himself! This is an account of the highest level of spiritual warfare ever recorded in history. The most serious, and ultimately fatal blow that Jesus dealt to Satan was His death on the cross, but that did not end the war. Now that Jesus is at the right hand of God the Father, the war continues; and it will, 'For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet,' and then 'He delivers the Kingdom of God the Father'" (I Corinthians 15: 24, 25). The battle is on!

The enemy, Satan, has stolen far too much from the people of God. We must not tolerate such. We must act on the principles of God's Word. In order to be properly used by the Holy Spirit to combat the forces of evil, we must begin with ourselves. I am in agreement with what author Cindy Jacobs calls the "Clean-Heart Principle" in her book, **Possessing the Gates of the Enemy**. This principle is based on the prayer of David in Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Someone may object to my stance with the claim that "my heart is already clean, and I already have a right spirit." I trust that is true in many if not most cases. However, the need for "keeping" the power of the blood of Christ is ever present with each of us. May I call your attention to 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." *Cleanseth* is a constant, continual action. I stand on this faith in Him--He keeps me clean!

Corporate Intercession is urgently needed. Not only do we as individuals need continual sanctifying for the spiritual battle but so does the church in a corporate sense. The International Pentecostal Holiness Church is no exception to this fact. Corporate intercession includes a deep humbling before God, repentance for any individual and corporate sin, a plea to God to heal our cities and nations, and spiritual warfare against any wicked principalities over certain geographical areas.

I will not take the space at this point to address the subject of "breaking down strongholds." That is far too vast a subject to attempt to deal with in this short article. Plan to attend the Prayer Conference on August 23 in connection with the Solemn Assembly. This subject will be thoroughly dealt with this day.

Some might say, "I'm not guilty of the sins that are to be repented of during the Solemn Assembly." I hope that is true of you, dear Reader. However, it may not be true of some others who are part of this Body. I believe it is mandatory that each of us search our own hearts because there is undeniable evidence that some are guilty of **Judgmentalism**, and some do show proof of a **Controlling Spirit**. There is the problem of **Racism** in some circles. As a whole I don't believe that **Male Domination** is a major problem in our local circle. We have licensed and ordained women clergy for many years, and I know of many of our local church boards that are successfully served by ladies of the Faith. However, three things stand out to me in this regard:

1. There does exist in some areas a lack of freedom from a sense of male superiority.
2. Men and women need to search the Scriptures to hear what the Word has to say about the mutual respect each should and exemplify for each other.
3. Remember, this corporate prayer of intercession is for the whole church, not some limited group.

The **Elder Brother** syndrome is far too often exhibited when longtime faithful (?) church members are replaced in leadership by some "young upstart" in the Faith!

Pride and **Greed**? These two ugly monsters creep in so discreetly that we must stay on constant guard against their invasion.

Yes, I think after my own heart-searching observations - The Solemn Assembly will be used of God in this Church!

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Gary Strickland ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Roland Harrell ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Becoming Men Of Destiny

That's the theme of the 1996 Eastern Regional Men's Conference, September 27 & 28, at the Western North Carolina Campground, Browns Summit, NC. Plan now to attend this special gathering of pastors and men for music, prayer, worship, fellowship and fun,

Conference Topic Highlights:

The Pastor, Prayer, and Our Men
*Ministry Updates: Fellowship Evangelism, Send the Light, Men of Action, Royal Rangers,
*Promise Keepers, and Men's Ministries
*Stand to: Prepared for the Attack
*Men's Ministries. . . Where We're Going

For more information, call/fax 910-323-4777 or write
Men's Ministries
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

Piney Grove Camp Meeting

Thursday through Sunday
August 15 - 25, 1966

Weeknight Services: 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Services:
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship -11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Thursday -Sunday Night
August 15 -18
Speaker: Rev. T. E. Long
Conference Superintendent

Weekday Services: 11:00 a.m.
(beginning Friday, August 16)
Speakers: Conference Ministers

Monday - Sunday Night
August 19 - 25
Speaker: Rev. Doyle Marley
Asheville, N.C.

Minister of Music:
Rev. Frederick Dixon

For More Information:
Rev. Robert Ormond
1-919-946-8122

District Training and Rallies

Districts	Date	Time	Location
Raleigh, Wilson, Rocky Mount, & Goldsboro	Saturday August 31 1996	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Wilson First Wilson, NC
Clinton, Fayetteville, Lumberton, & Wilmington	Saturday September 14 1996	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Clinton First Clinton, NC
Greenville, Morehead City, New Bern, & Williamston	Saturday September 21 1996	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Saint Paul Greenville, NC

All Clergy, Mission Workers, Church Official Boards, and Departmental Ministry Boards are urged to be present.

The Women's Ministries will be receiving the Feast of Ingathering offerings from each church during these meetings.

1996
A Day With the Superintendent

Districts	Date	Location	Pastor
Clinton	Tuesday, Sept. 17	Trinity	Hill Teachey
Lumberton	Thursday, Sept. 26	Mount Olive	Oris Hubbard
Raleigh	Tuesday, Oct. 1	The Capital	Roland Harrell
Greenville	Thursday, Oct. 3	Faith	Frederick Dixon
Wilson	Tuesday, Oct. 15	Shiloh	Ralph Leggett
Goldsboro	Thursday, Oct. 24	Tabernacle	Berry House
*All Districts	Conference Cafeteria Training Center		Saturday, Nov. 2

These sessions are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and to end around 5:00 p.m.

This is a day of training and fellowship for all Conference Clergy and Mission Workers.

*This Day is for Bi-Vocational Ministers who are unable to go to the District Meetings due to work schedules. It is also "make-up" day for others who could not attend one of the District days.

Superannuated Ministers' Birthdays

August and September

Aug.	4	Kenneth Tart
		W. H. Tyson
Aug.	6	L. L. Lassiter
Aug.	10	Wilbert G. Batten
Aug.	13	Joe L. Russell
Aug.	18	James H. Norton
Aug.	20	T. H. Godwin
Aug.	22	H. P. Woodard
Aug.	23	Lynette Mosley
Aug.	26	Walter V. Denning
Sept.	1	Willie M. Cordon
Sept.	5	Garland A. Murray
Sept.	6	Vernon K. Clark
Sept.	11	Roy. O. Williams
Sept.	13	Johnie Pollard
Sept.	13	N. Doner Lucas
Sept.	15	Ralph Jernigan, Sr.
Sept.	21	Hartwell Narron
Sept.	23	Lester C. Ormond
Sept.	26	Melvin Narron

Recent Pastoral Assignments

Black Creek
Sherwood Page

Crystal Coast
Gordon Morris

Kenly
Lamar Jackson

Lighthouse (Oriental)
Roger Jones

Manley Grove
Marvin Rogers

Midway
Randy Anderson

New Life Tabernacle
Willard Haddock

Shelmerdine
R. L. Downing

Snow Hill
Bobby West

Evangelistic Temple Church — Cary, North Carolina

April 28, 1996, was just an ordinary Sunday in most churches, but not Evangelistic Temple in Cary. It was Celebration Day! The Church Family with many of its friends gathered to celebrate eighteen years of ministry and the Dedication of its new facility.

The day began with The Hemphills providing the special music and Bishop B. E. Underwood bringing a powerful message. There was, of course, the usual lunch that all enjoyed so much.

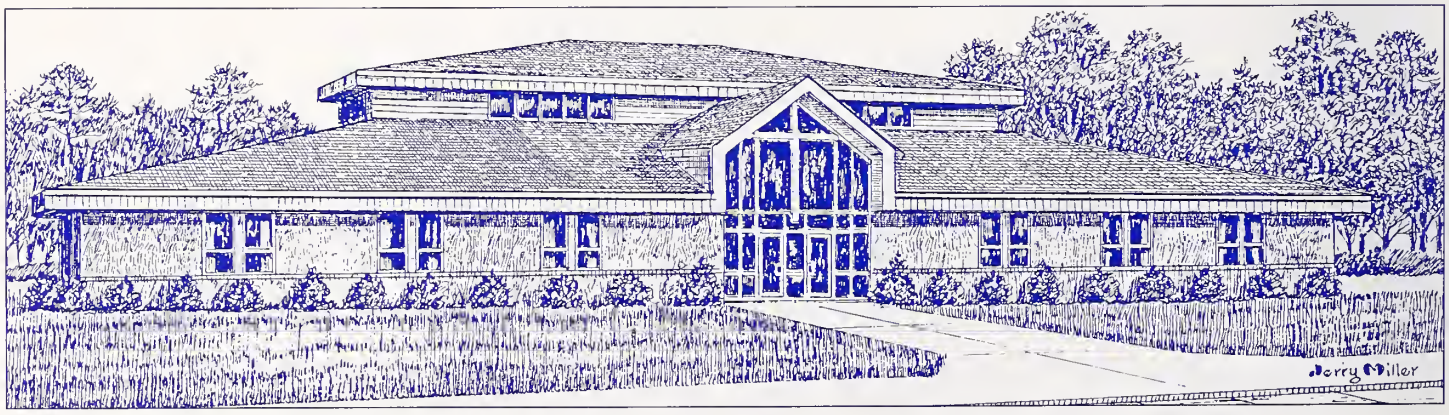
At 2 p.m. everyone assembled for the Dedication Service. Pastor Ray Ward reminded the Church Family of the Purpose to which God has called us. Assistant Superintendent Rev. Chris Thompson reminded the Church of their early beginnings and special promises. Conference Superintendent Rev. T. E. Long challenged us to become a place where people can meet God. Bishop Underwood presided over the Dedication Service.

Evangelistic Temple was organized by the North Caroline Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church with eleven charter members on April 6, 1978. The first meeting place was the Band Room of East Cary Junior High School. On August 24, 1980, the church had grown to the point where more classroom space was necessary; so a modular unit was purchased.

In 1992, recognizing the need to expand but realizing the limitations of the land, the Church Body voted to sell the property and move to a new location. Thirteen acres were purchased at the corner of Kildaire Farm and Arthur Pierce Roads. The first phase of the building program, a 14,000-square foot multi-purpose building, was completed, and the first service was held on Easter Sunday. Two other buildings are planned for the property: a Worship Sanctuary and an Educational Building. Other amenities will include a recreational field, playground, and Royal Rangers area.

God is continuing to bless Evangelistic Temple. We give God all praise and thank all the members and family who have made it possible with the leadership of its pastors:

Rev. Gerald Holloman
Rev. Chris Thompson
Rev. Ferrell Hardison
Rev. Ray Ward



This pen and ink drawing was presented to Pastor Ward on Dedication Day by artist Jerry Miller

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda. . .

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of thy youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:3-5).

Sad to say, this is not the mindset of many parents today. I recently noticed a cartoon that was in our local newspaper. Two women are seated side by sode. One sleek looking woman is reading a book entitled *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus*. The other woman is all bedraggled looking with two children romping on her. One of the children is climbing on her back and pulling her hair and taunting the baby, who is seated in her lap and crying. This mother speaks to the lady who is reading and says, "I'm writing a book called *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus, Children Are From Hell.*"

That cartoon greatly disturbed me. It stirred me to think strongly about a fact that I already knew. Though many people are not bold enough to speak it that plainly, their actions show the same attitude expressed in that cartoon. Is it any wonder that we find ourselves today in a society of rebellious children?

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services reported last month that in 1992 there were 850,000 substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect, while the homicide rate for teens more than doubled between 1970 and 1992. Do we see the connection? Does this not give us a grim look at the future of American society?

As Christians, we must take action. After all, we are charged to be our brother's keepers. We are commissioned to take care of the widows and orphans. Too often, we want to leave it to someone else or to the government. We expect the welfare programs to take care of the financial needs. We expect the public schools, which were designed to provide academic training, to be the social training ground. We have even tried to blame the lack of the religious training on the schools. However, there is no substitute for what God has called the home and the church to do.

Because many parents today do not value the gift of children which God has given to them, they do not have right priorities. Their self-interest. . . a career, material possessions, a high position. . . or on the other hand, drugs, alcohol, a sexual partner. . . whatever it might be, has taken precedence over the most important role a parent is charged to fulfill.

Even the parents who are devoted to their children in many ways seem to neglect the most important aspect of their development. Many who are financially secure seem to feel their role is to provide their children with all the latest fashion and social trends. There is a far more important realm, and there is really no excuse for those who are Christians! Instruction is clearly given in God's Word as to the basic and foundational role in parenthood.

You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart, and in your soul: and you shall bind them as a sign in your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And YOU SHALL TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO YOUR CHILDREN, talking of them when you are sitting in you house and when you are sitting in your house and when you are walking in the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them (selections from the book of Deuteronomy).

It is very clear! Christian parents have responsibility for the spiritual training of their children. Let's dissect this portion of scripture and see what it really says:

Lay up my words in your heart and your soul - This is more than just a head knowledge. We must receive the Lord into our heart and soul and store His Words there.

Bind them in hand - be as frontlets between eyes - His words should control all that we do and even outr thoughts.

Teach them diligently to your children - Word and example must reflect God in our lives.

- in the home– first institution ordained of God; first and most important training ground.
- walking in the way – stand for God publicly; no double standard.
- when you lie down and rise – consistent in your witness and example.
- write them on doorpost and gate - claim your home for God

It is hard to understand how concerned many parents are with almost every area of their children's lives - yet they fail to recognize the greatest need of all. Many are obsessed with such interests as little league, dance/music lesson, academics (and these have their place in the total development of a child), but fail to give them training that will prepare them not only to live a happier more productive life on this earth, but also will guide them to eternal salvation.

Children play such a vital role in society. One-third of the world's population is under the age of 15. Seventy-eight percent of the children in the world grow up in non-Christian settings. Many children become street children. Some 10 million children are caught up in child prostitution, sex rings, and pornography worldwide. Yet many Christians offer excuse after excuse for not getting involved in reaching children for the Lord.

The majority of people become Christians between the ages of 4 and 14. Ministry to children is the biggest evangelistic outreach a church or an individual can have. Do we really recognize the value of a child? Do we see them as part of the church today? as well as the future?

You have the opportunity to touch the children of your community – in your own special way. You have the privilege of declaring the gospel to the youth around you. You can help change their world. Are you willing?

GREETINGS FROM MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT

What a wonderful day to be serving our Lord! The greatest harvest the world has ever seen is about to take place, and WE are a part of it.

The Morehead City District Rally was held on May 18, 1996, ▶

at Glad Tidings Church. The meeting began with a wonderful lunch at noon. Our physical bodies were strengthened with the food prepared for the meal, and our spirits were fed with the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Jana Guitar was the speaker for the event. She has served on the mission field in South Africa for two years with Rev. Kit Teasdale. Jana is a wonderfully anointed speaker and Bible teacher. She spoke on "Coming of Age." The message challenged the women to become mature in Christ and train others to fill places in ministry. We were encouraged to grow up spiritually, to be able to eat the meat of the Word.

Our rally was a blessing to the ladies of the Morehead City District who were able to attend. May the Lord bless you and help you to mature for the Harvest which waits for us.

A Personal Word from Charlene. . .

My name is Charlene Strong. I am the owner of The Master's Touch Beauty Salon in Morehead City and a member of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Holiness Church. I have been a Christian for eighteen years. I got saved when I was twenty-two years old. I did not grow up in church; in fact, I lived a very wild life. At the age of twenty-two, I had practically destroyed my life. The Lord was so wonderful to pick me up and give me a new life. I feel I have more to be thankful for than anyone else. God has been so good to me. At the age of twenty-seven, I met a wonderful man, Ed Strong. We married, and we now have two beautiful girls, Jessica, age 11, and Hannah, age 8.

Again, I say, God has been so good to me. I began my church work by teaching a class of children on Wednesday nights. I had twenty-two children in one room. The Lord knew exactly what He was doing in placing me there. I learned all the Bible stories in the most simple way. This was just what I needed since I didn't attend church as a child. I have since served as secretary of the Christian Education Department of our church. I also served four years as the Women's Ministries president. I am currently serving on the Administrative Board of Glad Tidings Church, and I sing in the choir.

Charlene , Ed, Jessica & Hannah Strong
Morehead City District Director

To see what God has done in my life should encourage each person to press on and be faithful in whatever area God calls you. God will promote and enable you to do far more than your natural ability can do. The wonderful thing is that He is no respecter of persons. What He does for one, He will do for another. All He requires is that we love Him with all our hearts. I am so thankful to be in His care.

GEMS STILL SHINING. . .

The NC GEMS had a new experience this year through their Regional Sleepovers. Mrs. Sandra McCandless and her board designed this method of fellowship time for the GEMS since they could not have their annual retreat in Falcon (due to construction).

These events were planned to provide the girls opportunity for food, fun, fellowship, and spiritual training.

The convention was held in Falcon in April, The theme was "Making a Difference." Pictured below, along with Mrs. McCandless, are girls representing GEMS groups which received awards.

The Sturkie Training Course was also a highlight of this year - the first in the NC Conference. STC is a day of advanced training for GEMS leaders. Pictured are GEMS Sponsors enjoying a time

of spiritual renewal at that event.

If your WM does not sponsor a local GEMS program, you are missing a real opportunity for ministry to your girls. You may want to contact Mrs. McCandless to have her visit with you and share information about the GEMS program.

GEMS Sponsors, September is the month for local GEMS Promotion Ceremonies. Send news and pictures of your event to NCWM, P.O. Box 337, Vanceboro, NC 28586. We would like to share them in the GEMS NEWS.

WELCOME, ABBOTSBURG WM . . .

On Sunday, June 23, the Abbottsburg Pentecostal Holiness Church reorganized the Women's Ministries. NC President Linda Thomas was guest speaker for the morning worship service and gave a devotional message outlining ministry through Women's Ministries. Following the service, the group elected officers. Mrs. Dayneice Davis was elected to serve as their president. President Thomas presided over the installation of officers, after which all the ladies of the church gathered around the newly elected officials as Pastor Kenneth Clark led them in prayer. We welcome the Abbotsburg WM to the sisterhood of North Carolina Women's Ministries.

FUND-RAISER IDEA. . .

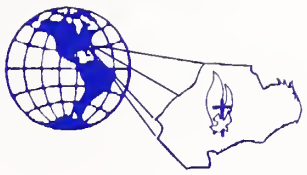
Your WM can earn 50% or more profit selling holiday wreaths and greens. Sherwood Forest Farms offers profit from evergreens. For free materials regarding their sales program, call 1-800-767-7778.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

FEAST OF INGATHERING, annual promotion for church-supported colleges, is scheduled for October at Emmanuel College.

HARVEST TRAIN at Falcon Children's Home is planned for November 26.

:partments of
and World Missions



IS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

house has
en repaired
ne. A back
se of former

some over
was raised.
ce.
on home in
s. They are
to pay for

ight for the
nd did they
k you, WM
done. The
ns House.
for needed
harge).
residing at
eau (Africa)
The Scott
ately. They
in) will be
family will

are needed.
Conference
d be such a
eir monthly
not have to
lls.)

r's home in
owned was
rgent need

of prayer. The boys, Aaron and Joey, were not injured. They have returned to Nairobi, Kenya, for counseling and medical attention. Please pray for this special missionary couple. David and Cheri are P H missionaries on loan to Wycliffe Translators. They have been doing an excellent job as missionaries.

Missionary News Flashes

Ed and Judy Sauvageau are on the field in Kenya to work with the Somali refugees. Their second son was born recently - Samuel Uriah. Mother and child are doing well. They have had some tremendous difficulty in getting their cargo container released to them. Pray for them as they continue to get settled in their new ministry.

Ron and Sharon Wooten are doing a fantastic job in Kenya. Ron has sent two special requests back home. He needs video equipment back home. He needs video equipment to show the Jesus' film. He also requests some help for a Youth Camp or Retreat for the young people. His cost for the retreat will be $15 U.S. dollars per person attending. He could use some help. Funds could be sent through regular channels marked East Africa Field Account/Youth Explosion - Ron Wooten.

L. J. and Peggy Wood (Philippines) are doing well in their itineration. They are critically needed in the Philippines. Jackie Sylvester has recently resigned from the World Missions Department. She will be pursuing some further educational goals. Her resignation leaves an even bigger door in the Philippines. Pray that L. J. and Peggy can soon get to the field. They are living in Falcon (910) 980-1419. They are available for services.

Sandy Hollingsworth, SOW worker to South Africa, was recently married- July 13. She married Kenny Lynch from South Africa. She will be returning to South Africa with her husband. God moves in mysterious ways! Congratulations, Sandy.

Linwood and Nancy Berry are coming home for a short furlough in August. They will be home until the first of the year. The work in Madrid, Spain, is exploding. The Madrid Church Planting School, Mustard Seed Institute, is doing exceptionally well. Praise the Lord for such a missionary couple.

John and Edna Parker will be going to Spain to take over for the Berrys in their absence. This will be in addition to John's other teaching duties.

David and Twilla Sasser are still itinerating to get to Zambia. They are doing well and hope to leave this fall. They are open for special services. They may be reached at (919)242-6141.

Scott and Athena O'Conner are still itinerating to go overseas to work with the Muslims. They are making excellent progress and are available for services. They may be reached at (919)772-6521.

Elizabeth Rogers is doing great with the Advance Program in Africa. There is an excellent article in the *Worldorama* this month.

Mike and Christy Via are still itinerating to work with Wycliffe in East Africa. They may be reached at (919)814-3747.

at Glad Tidings Church. The meeting began with a wonderful lunch at noon. Our physical bodies were strengthened with the food prepared for the meal, and our spirits were fed with the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Jana Guitar was the speaker for the event. She has served on the mission field in South Africa for two years with Rev. Kit Teasdale. Jana is a wonderfully anointed speaker and Bible teacher. She spoke on "Coming of Age." The message challenged the women to become mature in Christ and train others to fill places in ministry. We were encouraged to grow up spiritually, to be able to eat the meat of the Word.

Our rally was a blessing to the ladies of the Morehead City District who were able to attend. May the Lord bless you and help you to mature for the Harvest which waits for us.

A Personal Word from Charlene. . .

My name is Charlene Strong. I am the owner of The Master's Touch Beauty Salon in Morehead City and a member of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Holiness Church. I have been a Christian for eighteen years. I got saved when I was twenty-two years old. I did not grow up in church; in fact, I lived a very wild life. At the age of twenty-two, I had practically destroyed my life. The Lord was so wonderful to pick me up and give me a new life. I feel I have more to be thankful for than anyone else. God has been so good to me. At the age of twenty-seven, I met a wonderful man, Ed Strong. We married, and we now have two beautiful girls, Jessica, age 11, and Hannah, age 8.

Again, I say, God has been so good to me. I began my church work by teaching a class of children on Wednesday nights. I had twenty-two children in one room. The Lord knew exactly what He was doing in placing me there. I learned all the Bible stories in the most simple way. This was just what I needed since I didn't attend church as a child. I have since served as secretary of the Christian Education Department of our church. I also served four years as the Women's Ministries president. I am currently serving on the Administrative Board of Glad Tidings Church, and I sing in the choir.

Charlene , Ed, Jessica & Hannah Strong
Morehead City District Director

To see what God has done in my life should encourage each person to press on and be faithful in whatever area God calls you. God will promote and enable you to do far more than your natural ability can do. The wonderful thing is that He is no respecter of persons. What He does for one, He will do for another. All He requires is that we love Him with all our hearts. I am so thankful to be in His care.

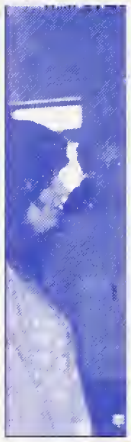
GEMS STILL SHINING. . .

The NC GEMS had a new experience this year through their Regional Sleepovers. Mrs. Sandra McCandless and her board designed this method of fellowship time for the GEMS since they could not have their annual retreat in Falcon (due to construction).

These events were planned to provide the girls opportunity for food, fun, fellowship, and spiritual training.

The convention was held in Falcon in April, The theme was "Making a Difference." Pictured below, along with Mrs. McCandless, are girls representing GEMS groups which received awards.

The Sturkie Training Course was also a highlight of this year - the first in the NC Conference. STC is a day of advanced training for GEMS leaders. Pictured are GEMS Sponsors enjoying a time



of spiritual

If your
missing a
want to co
share infor

GEMS
Promotion
NCWM, P.
share them

WEL

On Sun
Church rec
Thomas wa
gave a dev
Ministries.
Dayneice L
Thomas pr
the ladies
officials as
the Abbotsl
Ministries.

Your Wl
and greens
For free m
7778.

FEAST
supported
College.

HARVE
November

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Falcon Missions House

The new roof has been completed. In addition, the house has been power washed on the outside. Windows have been repaired and freshly painted. Other work still needs to be done. A back hall floor must be replaced and ceiling repaired because of former leaks.

The renovations just completed have run some over $10,000.00. In the recent fund-raising drive $7,500.00 was raised. The Conference at this point has added in the difference.

The house and the Jackie Wilson Memorial Mission home in Clinton have been such a blessing to our missionaries. They are able to use the homes rent-free. They are required to pay for utilities.

Recently at the WM Convention, supplies were brought for the WM Missionary Commissary. The ladies responded, and did they respond. The commissary has been restocked. Thank you, WM leadership and church groups, for a job well done. The commissary is contained in the Falcon Missions House. Missionaries are invited to "shop" at the commissary for needed items before they return to the missions field (free-of-charge).

Presently L. J. and Peggy Wood (Philippines) are residing at the Falcon Missions Home (910-980-1419). The Savageau (Africa) have recently moved out of the Clinton Home. The Scott Simpsons (China) were scheduled to move in immediately. They have been delayed. Linwood and Nancy Berry (Spain) will be moving in this fall. Later this fall Rick Brewster and family will be moving in at Falcon. The homes stay full.

Continual needs surface with these homes. Funds are needed. Monies may be sent to Falcon and designated - Conference Missions Homes. Missions credit is received. (*It would be such a blessing if some churches would put the homes on their monthly list for home missions. It would be great if we did not have to charge the missionaries utilities - except for personal calls.)*

Urgent Prayer Requests

During the night of July 7, David and Cheri Arthur's home in Zaire, Africa, was broken into. Everything they owned was stolen. David and Cheri were assaulted. They are in urgent need of prayer. The boys, Aaron and Joey, were not injured. They have returned to Nairobi, Kenya, for counseling and medical attention. Please pray for this special missionary couple. David and Cheri are P H missionaries on loan to Wycliffe Translators. They have been doing an excellent job as missionaries.

Missionary News Flashes

Ed and Judy Sauvageau are on the field in Kenya to work with the Somali refugees. Their second son was born recently - Samuel Uriah. Mother and child are doing well. They have had some tremendous difficulty in getting their cargo container released to them. Pray for them as they continue to get settled in their new ministry.

Ron and Sharon Wooten are doing a fantastic job in Kenya. Ron has sent two special requests back home. He needs video equipment back home. He needs video equipment to show the Jesus' film. He also requests some help for a Youth Camp or Retreat for the young people. His cost for the retreat will be $15 U.S. dollars per person attending. He could use some help. Funds could be sent through regular channels marked East Africa Field Account/Youth Explosion - Ron Wooten.

L. J. and Peggy Wood (Philippines) are doing well in their itineration. They are critically needed in the Philippines. Jackie Sylvester has recently resigned from the World Missions Department. She will be pursuing some further educational goals. Her resignation leaves an even bigger door in the Philippines. Pray that L. J. and Peggy can soon get to the field. They are living in Falcon (910) 980-1419. They are available for services.

Sandy Hollingsworth, SOW worker to South Africa, was recently married- July 13. She married Kenny Lynch from South Africa. She will be returning to South Africa with her husband. God moves in mysterious ways! Congratulations, Sandy.

Linwood and Nancy Berry are coming home for a short furlough in August. They will be home until the first of the year. The work in Madrid, Spain, is exploding. The Madrid Church Planting School, Mustard Seed Institute, is doing exceptionally well. Praise the Lord for such a missionary couple.

John and Edna Parker will be going to Spain to take over for the Berrys in their absence. This will be in addition to John's other teaching duties.

David and Twilla Sasser are still itinerating to get to Zambia. They are doing well and hope to leave this fall. They are open for special services. They may be reached at (919)242-6141.

Scott and Athena O'Conner are still itinerating to go overseas to work with the Muslims. They are making excellent progress and are available for services. They may be reached at (919)772-6521.

Elizabeth Rogers is doing great with the Advance Program in Africa. There is an excellent article in the *Worldorama* this month.

Mike and Christy Via are still itinerating to work with Wycliffe in East Africa. They may be reached at (919)814-3747.

Evangelism and Growth Within the NC Conference for the year 1995

The NC Conference had a fantastic year in evangelism for 1995. There were 1,007 new church members, 703 new Systematic Bible Study (SBS) members (Sunday School), and a 661 increase per Sunday in Morning Worship Attendance. The Conference had a net gain of 5 new churches and three Church type Missions (CTM-unorganized churches). These new churches accounted for 300 new members and over 400 new people in worship each Sunday morning.

The simple decadal composite (average of church members, systematic Bible study, and church a.m. attendance) growth rate for 1995 was 10.35%.

This is a substantial increase over 1994 - 8.87%. Praise the Lord! These are not just statistics. They represent men and women - souls! I am enclosing several statistics about 1995. Note that 73 churches had less than 1% growth. In 1994 that figure was 92 churches - a substantial difference. In 1995 the average church membership was 131. That figure was 125 in 1994. It is the Lord's desire that His churches grow physically, spiritually, and numerically.

New Videos Available

The Evangelism Department has recently purchased copies of the Jesus' film in English and Spanish. They are available to lend to local churches. Contact Director Thompson and/or Rose Nelson, Secretary.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church

Rev. Marc Swanner has begun a Bible Study in Washington with the purpose of starting a new church. They have had as many as fifteen on Thursday nights. They have chosen the name Global Outreach Ministries. That is certainly a challenging name. May the Lord bless them with new souls.

Elmer Towns

Elmer Towns will be in the Conference for his last scheduled seminar with us for this year on Saturday, August 17, Gospel Tabernacle, Dunn. His first two seminars have been excellent! He has been used greatly by the Lord. The clergy and laymen who have attended have been well blessed.

The cost is $12.00 per person. A church who brings six or more is charged $10.00 each. Six credits for ministerial CEUs are awarded.

Anyone who has attended one of the first two seminars may return at no extra charge (unless he gets another packet). The seminar is entitled "How To Reach the Baby Boomer."

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Analysis of Conference Data
For Ten Years Ending 1995

North Carolina

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Membership	17,168	17,537	17,798	18,255	18,738	19,123	19,642	19,969	20,602	21,186	22,193
Systematic Study	11,808	11,835	11,806	11,813	10,794	12,190	12,150	11,933	11,564	11,362	12.065
A.M. Worship	0	0	0	10,235	13,134	13,619	14,168	13,977	13.925	14,327	14,988

CHURCH COUNTS		MBRS	SBS	WSHP
Active this report	170	22,193	12,065	14,988
New this report	5	300	-	-
CTM's this report	3	-	-	87
Closed this report	-	-	-	-
Average church size	131			

COMPOSITE RATES		SIMPLE RATES & RATIOS		MEMBERSHIP GAINS	
Simple Decadal:	10.35	Membership DGR:	29.27	This reporting period:	1,007
Weighted Decadal:	18.23	Systematic Studies DGR:	2.18	Past two years:	1,591
Simple Annual:	.99	Worship to Membership	68	Past five years:	3,070
Weighted Annual:	1.69	SBS to Worship	80	Past ten years:	5,025

CHURCHES BY SIZE	NO	%	MBRS	%	CHURCHES BY DGR	NO	%	MBRS	%
180 or more:	30	18	12,533	56	100% or higher:	21	12	2,704	12
90 to 179:	38	22	4,720	21	50% to 99%	13	8	2,132	10
60 to 89:	37	22	2,690	12	25% to 49%	25	15	6,669	30
30 to 59:	38	22	1,728	8	1% to 24%	33	19	5,044	23
Fewer than 30:	27	16	522	2	Lower than 1%	73	43	5,344	24
Insufficient data:	-	-	-	-	Insufficient Data:	5	3	300	1
Totals:	170	-	22,193	-	Totals:	170	-	22,193	-

PERCENTILE RANKINGS	MEMBERS	WORSHIP
25% of churches have fewer than:	42	35
50% of churches have fewer than:	72	55
75% of churches have fewer than:	133	87
95% of churches have fewer than:	341	262

Source: IPHC Database Prepared by the N.E.T.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education Director

DEVELOPING *Excellence* IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT, MAY 1996

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
Northwood Temple	1678	---	592	---	602	430
Kinston First	623	---	270	---	321	283
Gospel Tabernacle	609	35	264	28	368	275
The First	360	---	209	---	---	---
Mt. Olive LD	309	---	207	---	100	105
Tarboro First	214	25	162	20	185	137
The Capital	350	----	157	---	170	208
Shiloh WD	284	42	155	42	185	102
Eastside	202	20	152	25	---	---
Greenville First	240	---	151	---	80	68
Mt. Carmel	332	---	149	---	180	121
St. Pauls	132	37	133	60	132	103
Chadbourn	187	---	133	----	174	92
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	129	17	169	137
Williamston	168	11	129	11	149	85
Lumberton	322	14	128	14	140	86
Pine Level	204	18	126	16	79	43
Harkers Island	131	---	123	---	65	65
Robersonville	197	---	119	---	180	140
Peniel	260	---	117	---	108	54
Clinton	252	---	115	---	174	112
Brentwood	130	---	115	---	140	165
Wilson First	160	---	114	---	65	90
Millennium	178	35	112	37	90	76
Bizzell Grove	161	40	107	42	85	49
Smyrna	106	----	102	----	101	59
Harvest Temple	171	65	99	47	107	58
Belfast	118	---	98	---	115	60
Whitley	269	---	94	---	220	224
Wallace	227	---	94	---	67	64
St. Paul	156	---	92	---	40	32
Benson	137	48	86	20	60	34
Bethany	155	5	83	22	109	43
Roanoke Rapids	260	255	76	64	101	8
Living Faith Fell.	120	---	75	---	103	45
Rehobeth	139	---	72	---	---	---
Pikes Crossroads	188	---	72	---	130	44
Roper	88	---	69	---	85	57
St. John	131	---	69	---	44	45
Evangelistic Temple	210	---	67	---	140	79
Hobgood	100	---	66	---	---	---
Mount Olive	70	---	63	---	---	---
Baywood	112	---	63	---	60	43
Brocks Chapel	155	---	62	---	91	31
Hollands Chapel	65	---	61	---	30	24
Emmanuel	94	---	60	---	50	46
Graham Memorial	100	---	60	---	54	34
Westview	112	---	59	---	88	41
Sharon	99	---	59	---	43	25
Trinity RMD	90	---	59	---	48	48
Tyndall Grove	85	---	58	---	24	---
Ayden	---	---	57	---	---	---
New Bern First	126	---	56	---	---	---
Taylors Chapel	130	---	56	---	---	---
Moores Chapel	106	---	56	---	75	46
Harvest Fellowship	128	---	56	---	---	---
Thompson Chapel	104	---	55	---	59	35
Bridgeton	75	---	55	---	---	---
Holly Hill	108	---	55	---	102	33
Maranantha	67	---	53	---	40	71
Wilmington	142	---	52	---	142	27
Liberty	46	---	52	---	---	---
Calvary LD	31	---	52	---	---	---
Carson Memorial	78	---	51	---	65	34
Elizabethtown	70	11	50	10	---	---
Snow Hill	51	---	50	---	---	---
Manleys Grove	124	---	50	---	---	---
Thomas Chapel	127	---	49	---	66	26
Aberdeen	80	---	49	---	75	23
Midway	141	31	49	25	81	38
Spring Hope	67	---	48	---	62	52
Ebenezer	67	---	47	---	47	35
Kenly	85	---	46	---	---	---
Trinity CD	130	---	46	---	55	31
Albritton	74	19	45	19	43	23
Ahoskie	104	---	45	---	59	25
Bethel	86	---	44	---	---	---
Sanford First	94	---	44	---	49	37
Garland	63	---	44	---	---	---
Jacksonville	74	---	44	---	57	20
Red Springs	71	---	42	---	---	---
Faith WD	68	57	42	225	---	---
Jones Grove	66	---	42	---	---	---
Tabernacle	75	---	42	---	62	36
Winterville	95	---	41	---	---	---
Goshen	77	---	41	---	36	30
Niagara	148	---	41	---	32	18
Scotland Neck	72	---	41	---	32	31
Boardman	205	---	40	---	201	32
New Vision	58	---	40	---	38	20
Independence	57	---	39	---	---	---
Friendship WD	88	---	39	---	52	35
Faith GD	78	---	38	---	60	48
St. Matthew	73	---	38	---	---	---
Clayton	34	---	37	---	---	---
New Covenant	45	---	37	---	30	23
Shelmerdine	76	---	36	---	65	49
Sims	46	---	35	---	---	---
Abbottsburg	45	---	35	---	---	---
Lyon Memorial	85	---	34	---	---	---
Selma	74	---	34	---	---	---
Living Waters	73	---	34	---	89	26
Heritage	57	---	33	---	72	42
Statonsburg	105	---	33	---	62	---
Friendship NBD	59	---	33	---	26	26
Spring of Living Water	37	17	32	17	30	28
Plymouth	59	---	32	---	---	---
Weldon	66	---	32	---	---	---
Wades Point	54	---	32	---	29	8
Oak Ridge	64	---	31	---	28	13
Vaughans Chapel	50	---	30	---	---	---
Bailey	64	---	30	---	21	28
Lowland	32	---	29	---	24	0
Vanceboro	33	---	28	---	---	---
Alliance	40	---	26	---	44	0
Hopewell	40	---	25	---	39	29
Grace Community	39	---	24	---	12	8
Calvary Temple	29	---	22	---	20	15
Grifton	88	---	22	---	45	17
Gospel Net Ministries	101	---	22	---	25	11
Merritts Chapel	58	---	22	---	---	---
Washington	21	---	21	---	---	---
New Hope	27	---	20	---	---	---
Shekinah	50	---	20	---	14	11
Alert	58	---	19	---	---	---
Black Creek	55	---	19	---	---	---
Crystal Coast	36	---	19	---	---	---
New Creation	15	---	19	---	---	---
Vicks Chapel	20	---	17	---	---	---
Sonlight	21	---	13	---	16	---
Lighthouse	11	---	13	---	---	---
New Life	27	---	9	---	---	---
Windsor	13	8	8	8	---	---
Goose Creek	30	---	8	---	20	0
Wakelon	19	---	8	---	---	---
Total:	17,218	818	9,141	769	8,142	5,310
Average:	128	39	68	37	90	60
Count:	134	----	135	----	90	88

OOPS!

The CE statistics reported in the June issue of the *Evangel* were for March – not January. We seek forgiveness!

On Their Way to Texas for Youth Quest '96

The teams listed below, along with their accompanists, directors, coaches and supporters will be arriving in Arlington, Texas beginning August 8, 1996. They will be involved in Youth Quest '96 which will include National Talent, Bible Quiz, and Ranger of the Year competitions. Congratulations to all of these who will represent the North Carolina Conference.

Talent Winners

Female Solo	Sara Lucas
Male Solo	Samuel Forehand
Vocal Ensemble-Div. I	Faircloth Duet
Vocal Ensemble-Div. II	Crosswalk Ensemble
Vocal Ensemble-Div. III	Stedman Youth in Covenant
Instrumental Solo-Div. I	Olivia Gray
Instrumental Solo-Div. II	Benjamin Forehand
Instrumental Solo-Div. III	Kelly Carter
Instrumental Solo-Div. IV	Justin Williamston
Instrumental Ensemble-Div. I	Culbreth Memorial Instrumental Duet
Instrumental Ensemble-Div. II	Culbreth Memorial Instrumental Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble-Div. III	His Majesty's Best Handbell Choir
Keyboard Solo	Samuel Forehand
Communication Arts-Div. I	Gregg Pike
Communication Arts-Div. II	Andy Stalls
Communication Arts-Div. III	Lifeline Drama Team
Communication Arts-Div. IV	Amy Edwards
Communication Arts-Div. V	D.E.W. from Stedman
Communication Arts-Div. VII	Lifeline Drama Team
Communication Arts-Div. VIII	Kelly Blackmon
Communication Arts-Div. IX	Lifeline Drama Team
Creative Arts-Div. II	Michael John Adams
Creative Arts-Div. III	Chad Bowie
Creative Arts-Div. IV	Laura Pechtel
Creative Writing	Melissa Sessoms

Bible Quiz Winners

Division I	Gospel Tabernacle	Division II	Greenville First
	Samuel Forehand		Jonathon Wood
	Tammy Hobbs		Beth Wood
	Judy Tyndall		Laura Pechtel
	Olivia Grey		Dawn Caldwell

Ranger of the Year Winners

Trailblazer	Jonathon Johnson
Trail Ranger	Nathan Thompson

Youth Quest '96

Church Education Ministries IPHC

"National Youth Events"

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 SEPTEMBER, 1996 NUMBER 9

"The Harvest Truly is Plenteous..."

Matthew 9:37

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

In the Mid-Term Conference Session, July 26, 1996, the Conference overwhelmingly approved a recommendation to make the Secretary/Treasurer position full time. Pastor Gary Strickland of The Mount Carmel Church has served part-time as Secretary/Treasurer for six years. He has performed duties in such an outstanding way that we are grateful beyond verbal expression to him for his valuable contribution. Brother Strickland chose to resign the Secretary/Treasurer's position. We will miss him serving on the Conference Board.

Pastor Roland Harrell of The Capital Church accepted the election to serve as full-time Secretary/Treasurer. The Conference Board will approve his job description soon. Brother Harrell brings a rich and experienced ministry to this new role. He has served on the Conference Board since 1990. He is a gifted leader who will do very well wherever he serves. I look forward to the expanding ministry this new approach to stewardship will have in The Conference. This added dimension of service will enhance our Local Church, the Ministry of our Clergy, and the Conference as a whole.

Pastor Bobby Williams of Kinston First was elected to fill the vacancy created by Brother Harrell's election. I welcome this experienced leader to the Conference Board. He is a capable brother who will serve well.

Each year two members of the Ministerial Examining Committee rotate off after serving for four years. Pastors Greg Long of New Bern First and W. A. Mills of Williamston First rotated off at this Conference Session. They are well-equipped young men who have served faithfully and more than adequately. Pastors Merrill Davis and Oris Hubbard were elected to fill these duties. I look forward to their years of service.

Retirees recognized for their service at the Conference were: Rev. McElree Purifoy, Rev. Kenneth Tart, Rev. Lester Jarrett, Rev. Frank Moors, Rev. Mary Susan Parker, and Rev. Buck Parnell.

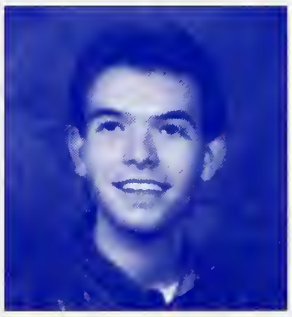
Some of the recent pastoral assignments include: Grifton — Ronald Proctor; Ahoskie — Danny Harris, Harvest Fellowship — Tim Watson.

The following were issued credentials with the North Carolina Conference in the Mid Term Conference Session:

LOCAL MINISTERS LICENSE

Carl Adam Barrington III

Arthur Richardson Denning



David Elton Bryan

Lydia Ivette Figueroa

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

Miquel Angel Figueroa

Patrick David Figueroa

Jeffrey Ray Radford

Lisa Ann Teachey

PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE

Roger Elmo Jones

Ronald L. Proctor

James N. Springston

Christopher Edward Bunn
[added by the Conference Board]

Teresa Hines Smith

MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LICENSE

Brandon K. Stephens

Teresa Hines Smith

MINISTER OF MUSIC LICENSE

ORDINATION

Timothy O'Neal Bowen
Malcolm Craig Burney
Berry Mahlon House, Sr.
Berry Mahlon House, Jr.
Antonio Ortiz

CHURCH NEWS

Available For Service

The North Carolina Conference announces the availability of Timothy O. Bowen for revival services. Brother Bowen was ordained at the 1996 Mid-Term Conference Session in Falcon. He has spoken in many locations in the U.S.A. and overseas. He has worked on two mission trips to Zimbabwe and South Africa. He may be contacted at:

1841 Price Road
Williamston, NC 27892
Home: 919-792-3839
Office: 919-792-0943

It's A Girl!

Jeremy and Dawn Heltsley of Surf City, NC, announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklynn Danielle.

She was born July 10, 1996, at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital. Her weight was 7 lb. 6 oz. and 181/2 inches long.

Brooklynn is the granddaughter of Weldon and Kay Glover of Wade, NC. [Kay is the bookkeeper at the N.C. Conference] and Rev. Melrose and Rita Heltsley of Sharon Grove, Kentucky. Her great-grandparents are Johnny and Lucille Fann of Wade and Cora Glover of Dunn and the late Gartha Glover, and Lula Crawford.

Pinetown Church News

Praise the Lord for a mighty move of God we experienced at Pinetown Pentecostal Holiness Church May 13-17, 1996.

Our evangelist for these services was Sister Ann Baines, and she preached the Word and ministered under the anointing and power of God.

People from Pinetown and surrounding areas came together in unity to worship and seek God. The attendance increased in every service, and on the last night the church was packed out, with some outside.

During our time of Praise and Worship with Sister Lorita Sanders as worship leader, God's presence and anointing fell and many were slain in the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit in each service.

People came to the altar to seek God in every service. Many received spiritual renewal, healing, and deliverance; six were saved and sanctified, and twelve received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

We thank God for the move of God in revival and for Sister Ann's allowing God to use her to preach the Word and to minister to the needs of the people.

We are still experiencing the mighty move of God at Pinetown Church. We received five new members into the church June 30, 1996. To God be all the glory.

Pastor Virginia Bridgman
Pinetown Pentecostal Holiness Church

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

At the time of this writing, eastern North Carolina is cleaning up the debris left by Hurricane Bertha. Anyone who has experienced a storm of this magnitude can certainly appreciate the power of the wind. From our den, with windows on three sides, my husband, Joe, our son, Brynn, and I had a clear view. We live in the middle of twenty acres of woodland, and we watched the tall pine trees bend and sway as the gale force winds twisted them to and fro. We witnessed a couple of our hardwood trees being uprooted and their huge branches crashing to the ground. Trees were purged of dead limbs as the strength of the wind pruned them. Then, as night came and darkness surrounded us, we had to pull out the old oil lamps and candles in the absence of electricity.

In our location, the winds and rains subsided a little after midnight, but the effects of the wind and rain were left with us. The next morning, we left home to inspect some of our properties. By this time, trees that had fallen across the highways had been removed enough for passage, but the roadsides were marked with the debris. We saw bits and pieces of tin and shingles from roofs. Power lines were down in places. It took utility company crews several days in some locations to restore power to their customers.

The force of the wind and rain had caused turmoil in our rivers and creeks. The tides came in and destroyed docks and marinas, causing costly boats to wash ashore or submerge. High water caused property damage in low areas. Some crops were destroyed and others left with much damage. The wind was evident during the storm, but the aftermath left no doubt as to its power.

As we observed the storm that evening, I thought about the many emotions such an event brings to surface in mankind. There is a certain amount of *anxiety* even in the preparation stages. We wonder if we have "buttoned down all the hatches" securely. When the rage begins, it can even bring *fear,* for we are afraid that a tree will crash on the house or the roof will be blown away. Then there is a certain *excitement* that is experienced. We watch, in awe, as the might of the wind is made evident to us.

The sound of the wind rushing through the trees around our home was awesome. It was not the whistle of winter's north wind, but a strong swishing sound as its breath blew hard to make its way around every trunk and branch. When the rains came, the sound became more of a roar as the wind gave force to every raindrop. Yet, you never see the wind .. only its evidence!

During the height of this storm, I found myself sitting at my piano.... playing and singing. From the music room, I could see that, on the other side of the house, that same wind was doing its work. I watched dead twigs and pine cones fall from the trees. I saw the same rage that I had viewed from the den. Yet, I heard myself singing, "There is peace in the midst of the storm." My heart was excited to remember that the same God who was controlling the winds of Hurricane Bertha was in control of me, our family, our home, and everything tangible that we own.

As I sat there watching the might of the wind, my mind went to Acts 2 to the account of the Day of Pentecost. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." My heart began to rejoice as I thought about how the Holy Spirit had ridden the wings of the wind to earth to descend on us. When that wind blew into the Upper Room that day, it left its evidence. I'm sure there was some pruning of dead limbs, just as Bertha did to the trees. There must have been some uprooting of those things that are unacceptable to God. The power of man was snapped off, but the power of God came in full force. The whole known world of that day was shaken and changed as a result of the Wind of the Holy Spirit that blew.

To this day, natural eye has never witnessed the person of the Holy Spirit. But we can hear Him. Sometimes He comes as a mighty roaring lion. Another time He might speak in a gentle breeze ... just a whisper ... but our spiritual ear can hear Him clearly. Above all else, the beauty of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the evidence He leaves. Sometimes He has to shake us really hard and maybe even uproot us from our own ways. We might have to be pruned of the dead weights that are not useful in God's kingdom. We might even have to go through deep waters and risky places. Yet, when the wind of the Spirit blows our way, it leaves its evidence in our lives.

How the church needs to pray together for a mighty revival! Oh, how we want to see the Wind of God blow with gale force all across this world. He is able! He is ready! Button down the hatches ... Make preparation ... Expect the wind to blow! The Bible has forecast that in the last days He will pour out His Spirit on sons and daughters. When I think on this, my heart rejoices, and yet another song comes to mind.

The wind is blowing again. The wind is blowing again.
Just like the day of Pentecost, the wind is blowing again.

Lord, let it blow on me!

New District Director...

Ms. Phyllis Buck is the new WM District Director for the New Bern District. She is the president of the Reelsboro Women's Ministries. Phyllis replaces Mrs. Donna Long who served for two years. We appreciate the service Donna gave to NCWM. Donna is quite busy as a pastor's wife and mother, as well as her job as a teacher. We wish her well, and we know that Phyllis will do a great job. Ladies in the New Bern District, please invite Phyllis to visit in your meetings. She can be reached by phone at 919-745-4459. Her mailing address is 230 Chair Road, New Bern, NC 28560.

Terri Tells Us...

As I reflect back over the past year as Lumberton District Director, I do so with many memories. This past year has truly been a learning experience for me in many ways. It has been a wonderful year, and I have met many wonderful people and made lasting friendships that I will treasure forever. I have seen the Lord working in many ways in Women's Ministries on both the local and conference levels. I thank God for the burden He placed on my heart for the NCWM. God has truly been my guide. Psalm 32:8 says, "I

will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." God has kept this promise to me many times over this past year, and I thank Him for that.

One of the most special times in the district was the Lumberton District Rally held in February, 1996. Nearly one-hundred women and young people came together in Whiteville, NC, at Highest Praise PH Church. Pastor Mickey Baysden and a worship team from the local church led the congregation into God's presence with song. They led us beautifully into the worship service, "Love Beyond Degree," which was presented to us by Destiny, the youth drama team from the Saint Pauls PH Church. The group presented an inspiring and uplifting program through pantomime, song and drama presentations. The presence of the Holy Spirit was real. Thank God for committed young people in the North Carolina conference who are on fire for God. Following the program, everyone retreated to the church fellowship hall for a time of making new friends and renewing old friendships.

The Lord is at work in Lumberton District, and I am happy to be a part of what He is doing through Women's Ministries.

Mrs. Terri Watkins Hodge is the Lumberton District Director. She is pictured above with her husband, Rev. James P. Hodge. They have one son, James Casey, who is five years old. Terri was reared in Stoneville, NC, and grew up in the Smith Memorial PH Church in Ridgeway, VA, which is in the Western North Carolina Conference. She is a graduate of Holmes College of the Bible and a member of Lumberton First PH Church where she serves as secretary-treasurer of the Young Women's Ministries group and teacher of junior church. She is currently employed by BB&T in Lumberton as a Branch Operations Specialist.

Sharing Sisters...

What are you doing in your Sharing Sisters meetings? Please send information on your activities to Janice Marshburn, NCWM Sharing Sisters Director, 5389 Richlands Hwy., Jacksonville NC 28540. She would like to share your ideas with other groups.

The Power Of A Handshake ...

This article comes from Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City, Rev. Maurice Phelps, Pastor.

"Have you ever wondered how much a handshake is worth? In his book, *Attracting New Members*, Robert Bast tells the story of a man who visited eighteen churches on consecutive Sundays to discover how friendly they were to visitors. Following the same pattern each Sunday, he always sat near the front so he could exit the length of the sanctuary. Sometimes he would re-enter and exit by another aisle. Before leaving, he would always ask someone for directions to the men's room. He devised this rating scale for the churches he attended:

A smile of welcome ... 10 points
A word of greeting ... 10 points
Exchange of names ... 100 points
An invitation to return ... 200 points
Introduction of another member ... 1,000 points
Meet the pastor ... 2,000 points

In eleven of the churches visited, less than 100 points were scored. In five churches, fewer than 20!"

Ladies, I hope we recognize the value of making visitors welcome in our church services. A greeting on the first visit is an opportunity to make a stranger feel at home and welcome in the presence of a new congregation. It is also a great time to invite a lady visitor to Women's Ministries meeting. Never underestimate the power of a handshake and word of welcome.

Idea For The Harvest Train...

Start a tradition this fall When you buy your children's school supplies, purchase extra ones and put them in a book bag or backpack to take to Falcon Children's Home with your Harvest Train commodities. It takes lots of composition books, loose-leaf paper, pencils, pens, etc. to supply our children there.

Fund-Raiser Idea...

Put on a TERRIFIC YARD SALE! For first-timers or even old-hands, here are some tips to ensure success:

- Try to schedule your sale to coincide with another high-traffic event nearby. For instance, if you live near a mall, schedule it the same weekend as the end-of-the month sale.
- General curiosity with a newspaper announcement: "Trash to Treasures -- Jewelry to Junk Sale."
- Have a one-day sale, preferably Saturday. Have everything priced and in place very early. Yard sale shoppers get an early start. Decide ahead of time if you'll honor "early-birds." If you don't want to be bothered with them, say so in the ad.
- Use lots of signs pointing the way. Be sure they are in big print so a driver can clearly read instructions. Use big arrows, balloons or streamers to draw attention. NOTE: When sale is over, be sure signs are taken down.
- Make sure everything in the sale is clean and off the ground. Make table tops out of plywood on sawhorses if you do not have tables. If possible, don't offer items boxed up. Lay merchandise out so it can be clearly seen.
- Start with a minimum of $20 change. Decide on a check limit or if you want to accept checks at all. If you want only cash, agree to hold the item long enough for the party to get some change.
- Group related items together for sale display. For example, kitchen items, toys, baby items, etc.
- Group clothing by three sizes: Small, Medium and Large. Anything else is getting too detailed.
- Offer free coffee and cookies. It's a nice neighborly touch.
- Assess the items in your sale. Would you buy some of the things you are selling? (Note: If there is more clothing than anything else, you might not get as many customers.) Sometimes broken widgets are just what someone is looking for, but price broken pieces or outdated items low since your main objective is to get rid of unwanted stuff.
- Agree with co-participants as to what to do with unsold items.
- Set up schedule for workers at yard sale and determine who will be manning the cash box.

(Copied in part from July/August 1992 VIRTUE. Article by Pat McGrady)

Words Of Wisdom...

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can." ... Sydney Smith

:partments of
. and World Missions

RIS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

n the N.C.
y meeting
They are
ın Parker,
; Hubbard.
methods of
the North

:ture made
› Meeting.
oined the
ırs ago the
.rina. This
ɜnce three
- Miquel,
ıeeting the

de Church
ɜd pastors

› have two
this year.

They were David Bryan of Sanford, NC, and Patrick Fiqueroa of Fayetteville, NC. Both these young men are students at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs,Georgia. They both received their ministerial license at Conference, July 26, and became members of the North Carolina Conference.

Intern David Bryan

David is the son of Pastor Elton Bryan of Sanford First Church. He is shown in the picture receiving his ministerial credentials from his father. He served this summer at the Evangelistic Temple Church in Cary, N.C. Rev. Ray Ward is the pastor. David had an outstanding summer. His main emphasis of work was youth ministry. He would like to continue this type ministry in the future.

Patrick is the son of the Reverends Miquel and Lydia Figueroa of Northwood Temple. All three of them received their ministerial credentials (license) at Conference this year. Praise the Lord!

Left to right – Pastor Noah Barefoot, Intern Patrick Figueroa

Patrick worked as the Hispanic Intern Pastor at the Robersonville Church. He is pictured here with Pastor Noah Barefoot. He worked closely with Pastor Barefoot and Hispanic minister Antonio Ortiz to plant a Hispanic Church. Praise the Lord, the church is off and running.

We praise the Lord for these two young men and the call of God on their lives. May they be used greatly to build the kingdom of God.

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Department supplements approved churches with $400.00 for the internship program. Application must be pre-approved at the Conference Office. An intern must work at least eight full weeks at a local church. The church must make financial investment in the intern as well. Some assistance is available for churches in obtaining a qualified intern.

May the program grow!

will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." God has kept this promise to me many times over this past year, and I thank Him for that.

One of the most special times in the district was the Lumberton District Rally held in February, 1996. Nearly one-hundred women and young people came together in Whiteville, NC, at Highest Praise PH Church. Pastor Mickey Baysden and a worship team from the local church led the congregation into God's presence with song. They led us beautifully into the worship service, "Love Beyond Degree," which was presented to us by Destiny, the youth drama team from the Saint Pauls PH Church. The group presented an inspiring and uplifting program through pantomime, song and drama presentations. The presence of the Holy Spirit was real. Thank God for committed young people in the North Carolina conference who are on fire for God. Following the program, everyone retreated to the church fellowship hall for a time of making new friends and renewing old friendships.

The Lord is at work in Lumberton District, and I am happy to be a part of what He is doing through Women's Ministries.

Mrs. Terri Watkins Hodge is the Lumberton District Director. She is pictured above with her husband, Rev. James P. Hodge. They have one son, James Casey, who is five years old. Terri was reared in Stoneville, NC, and grew up in the Smith Memorial PH Church in Ridgeway, VA, which is in the Western North Carolina Conference. She is a graduate of Holmes College of the Bible and a member of Lumberton First PH Church where she serves as secretary-treasurer of the Young Women's Ministries group and teacher of junior church. She is currently employed by BB&T in Lumberton as a Branch Operations Specialist.

Sharing Sisters...

What are you doing in your Sharing Sisters meetings? Please send information on your activities to Janice Marshburn, NCWM Sharing Sisters Director, 5389 Richlands Hwy., Jacksonville NC 28540. She would like to share your ideas with other groups.

The Power Of A Handshake ...

This article comes from Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City, Rev. Maurice Phelps, Pastor.

"Have you ever wondered how much a handshake is worth? In his book, *Attracting New Members*, Robert Bast tells the story of a man who visited eighteen churches on consecutive Sundays to discover how friendly they were to visitors. Following the same pattern each Sunday, he always sat near the front so he could exit the length of the sanctuary. Sometimes he would re-enter and exit by another aisle. Before leaving, he would always ask someone for directions to the men's room. He devised this rating scale for the churches he attended:

A smile of welcome ... 10 points
A word of greeting ... 10 points
Exchange of names ... 100 points
An invitation to return ... 200 points
Introduction of another member ... 1,000 points
Meet the pastor ... 2,000 points

In eleven of the churches visited, less than 100 points were scored. In five churches, fewer than 20!"

Ladies, I hope we recognize the value of making visitors

welcome i
is an opp
welcome i
great tim
meeting.
and word

Idea F

Start a
school su
book bag
with you
compositi
supply ou

Fund-F

Put on
old-hands,
• Try t
traffic eve
schedule i
• Gene
"Trash to
• Hav
everything
get an ear
birds." If
the ad.
• Use l
big print
arrows, b
When sale
• Make
ground. M
do not hav
merchand
• Start
limit or if
cash, agre
some chan
• Grou
example, k
• Grou
Large. An
• Offe
touch.
• Asse
the things
than anyt
Sometime
for, but pr
main obje
• Agree
items.
• Set u
who will b

(Copied
McGrady)

Wor

"It is t
you can o

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Hispanic Pastors
World Evangelism Service

Cross-Culture Ministry

Cross-cultural ministry is alive and well within the N.C. Conference. The Evangelism Board in their July meeting approved a Cross-cultural Advisory Task Force. They are Director Thompson, Secretary Noah Barefoot, John Parker, Antonio Ortiz, Miquel and Lydia Figueroa, and Oris Hubbard. The purpose of the task force is to advise as to new methods of outreach and ministry to ethnic groups within the North Carolina Conference.

Hispanic Ministry is exploding. Refer to the picture made at the World Evangelism Service, Falcon Camp Meeting. These are new Hispanic pastors who have joined the Conference or are in the process of joining. Two years ago the Lord gave us Rev. Luis Manriquez of Fuquay-Varina. This year he brought Antonio Ortiz to us. At Conference three other bilingual ministers joined the Conference - Miquel, Lydia, and Patrick Figueroa. Several others are meeting the Conference Board in August.

May the Lord give us many churches that will open a portion of their facilities to be used for Hispanic Outreach. Note the recent sign at East Side Church in Sanford. Make such a sign multiply. Interested pastors should call Director Thompson.

Summer Interns – 1996

The North Carolina Conference was blessed to have two summer interns working within the Conference this year. They were David Bryan of Sanford, NC, and Patrick Fiqueroa of Fayetteville, NC. Both these young men are students at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs,Georgia. They both received their ministerial license at Conference, July 26, and became members of the North Carolina Conference.

Intern David Bryan

David is the son of Pastor Elton Bryan of Sanford First Church. He is shown in the picture receiving his ministerial credentials from his father. He served this summer at the Evangelistic Temple Church in Cary, N.C. Rev. Ray Ward is the pastor. David had an outstanding summer. His main emphasis of work was youth ministry. He would like to continue this type ministry in the future.

Patrick is the son of the Reverends Miquel and Lydia Figueroa of Northwood Temple. All three of them received their ministerial credentials (license) at Conference this year. Praise the Lord!

Left to right – Pastor Noah Barefoot, Intern Patrick Figueroa

Patrick worked as the Hispanic Intern Pastor at the Robersonville Church. He is pictured here with Pastor Noah Barefoot. He worked closely with Pastor Barefoot and Hispanic minister Antonio Ortiz to plant a Hispanic Church. Praise the Lord, the church is off and running.

We praise the Lord for these two young men and the call of God on their lives. May they be used greatly to build the kingdom of God.

The N.C. Conference Evangelism Department supplements approved churches with $400.00 for the internship program. Application must be pre-approved at the Conference Office. An intern must work at least eight full weeks at a local church. The church must make financial investment in the intern as well. Some assistance is available for churches in obtaining a qualified intern.

May the program grow!

World Evangelism Service
1996

World Evangelism Service Goal Reached!

HALLELUJAH! The N.C. Conference has gone over the top again. The goal for 1996 of $166,000.00 was attained. Presently the amount stands at $168,500.00 with fourteen churches yet to contribute or make a pledge. Director Thompson and Superintendent Long revealed during this special service that they were praying for $175,000.00 by year's end. This amount is attainable. **It is not too late to contribute!**

The current amount received or pledged in the U.S.A. stands at $930,000.00. The goal is $1,000,000.00. With those who have reported and those who have not reported but gave last year, the anticipated amount stands at $985,000.00 That leaves us about $15,000.00 short. Should the N.C. Conference reach $175,000.00 that would cut this deficit of $15,000.00 in half. Let's bind together to reach this goal.

The people and churches of the N.C. Conference are to be commended for their faithfulness and sacrificial giving. Time and time again they come through. WELL DONE!

S.A.M.

Summer Action Ministry

Each summer young people from the Pentecostal Holiness Church travel overseas to minister with missionaries. One such young man was Rev. Timothy Bowen of Williamston, N.C. Brother Bowen is an ordained minister of the North Carolina Conference. He graduated from Holmes College of the Bible and was ordained this summer. Below is a short article of his missions trip and two action pictures.

Brother Bowen is presently working with Pastor Phillip Bland of the Bethany Church and is doing evangelistic work. He is available and recommended for special services and meetings.

"My trip to Africa was a great experience. I traveled with nine other people to Zimbabwe and Mozambique. While there, we saw many people come to know Christ, and witnessed many being delivered from demon oppression. We were able to be a part of the first conference in Mozambique, and Brother Joe Arthur did a wonderful job directing the conference. The group purchased some Bibles in Portuguese and gave them to some of the ministers there in the conference. They were so glad to receive these from us, and it thrilled our hearts to be able to bless them with God's Word.

We traveled many miles while in Africa and witnessed the Power of our Lord on several occasions. The memories will always be a cherished part of my life. We worked with Joe and Maggie Delport (missionaries to Zimbabwe), and they were such a wonderful people to minister with. They opened their hearts and lives to us all with willingness and charity to assist us in any way. I hope one day maybe to return and be with the people that hold such a place in my heart, but right now I am willing to serve on this side of the Atlantic, in the greatest work on earth."

Timothy Bowen
Summer 1996

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT, JUNE 1996

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1678		586		602	430
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	609	35	271	19	359	250
KINSTON FIRST	623		260		321	273
THE FIRST	360		208			
MT. OLIVE LD	309		198		100	105
THE CAPITAL	350		176		170	202
GREENVILLE FIRST	240		161		80	67
STEDMAN	280		158		251	111
SHILOH WD	284	50	152	50	185	87
MT. CARMEL	335		146		180	103
CLINTON	252		134		174	94
CHADBOURN	187		134		174	84
ROBERSONVILE	198		134		180	132
ST. PAULS	176	37	133	20	132	114
MARKERS ISLAND	131		133		65	65
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	213	25	132	17	169	147
TARBORO FIRST	214	25	126	45	185	122
BRENTWOOD	135		124		150	164
PINE LEVEL	204	18	123	16	79	46
SMYRNA	106		122		101	68
WILSON FIRST	164		121		65	78
LUMBERTON	315	14	115	11	140	96
MILLENNIUM	178	35	114	37	90	70
PENIEL	260		110		108	50
BIZZELL GROVE	161	40	110	40	85	44
WILLIAMSTON	168	12	107	12	149	79
ST. PAUL	156		96		40	87
EASTSIDE	202	20	93	25		
HARVEST TEMPLE	171	65	92	47	107	44
WHITLEY	269		88		213	238
BELFAST	118		85		89	48
WALLACE	227		83		67	52
BENSON	167	48	81	21	65	35
BETHANY	155	5	80	22	109	38
PIKES CROSSROADS	188		78		145	43
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120		74		103	101
ST. JOHN	131		71		34	43
ROANOKE RAPIDS	356	255	71	64	81	16
REHOBOTH	139		70			
ROPER	88		65		85	48
BAYWOOD	113		64		60	39
EMMANUEL	97		62		55	59
EVANGELISTIC TEMPLE	210		61		140	66
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	100		61		54	36
SHARON	99		58		43	26
SPRING HOPE	69		58		62	47
MOORES CHAPEL	106		58		75	43
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	65		57		30	30
TAYLORS CHAPEL	130		57			
BROCKS CHAPEL	155		57		91	35
BRIDGETON	74		57			
CALVARY LD	31		57			
HARVEST FELLOWSHIP	128		56			
HOLLY HILL	108		55		102	33
AYDEN			55			
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104		54		59	30
MARANATHA	67		54		40	64
TYNDALL GROVE	85		53		24	0
MOUNT OLIVE	90		53			
TRINITY RMD	90		52		55	42
STANTONSBURG	108		51		62	
HOBGOOD	100		51			
WILMINGTON	142		50		142	27
NEW BERN FIRST	126		50			
WESTVIEW	112		50		88	40
BOARDMAN	205		49		201	26
MIDWAY	141	31	49	22	81	43
MANLEYS GROVE	123		48			
THOMAS CHAPEL	127		48		66	22
NEW VISION	58		47		38	20
SNOW HILL	51		47			
SHILOH FD	93		46			
ELIZABETHTOWN	70	11	46	10		
AHOSKIE	104		46		59	22

Church	SS Enroll-ment	Ext	SS Avg Attd	Ext	YM Enroll ment	YM Avg Attd
HAMILTON	73		46			
EBENEZER	62		46		46	31
HODGES CHAPEL	82		45			
LIBERTY	46		44			
JACKSONVILLE	74		44		57	21
CARSON MEMORIAL	78		44		65	28
SCOTLAND NECK	72		43		32	28
TRINITY CD	130		43		50	29
JONES GROVE	66		43			
ABERDEEN	80		42		75	20
WINTERVILLE	95		42			
WESTMORELAND	121		41		73	34
FAITH WD	68	57	41	186		
KENLY	92		41			
GETHSEMANE	154		41		48	19
BETHEL	86		41			
SANFORD FIRST	94		41		49	32
SELMA	74		41			
FAITH GD	78		41		60	52
TABERNACLE	75		40		62	36
GARLAND	63		40			
ALBRITTON	74	19	39	20	43	32
GOSHEN	77		39		36	33
FRIENDSHIP WD	88		39		52	37
NIAGARA	148		38		33	19
ST. MATTHEW	73		36			
OAK RIDGE	64		35		28	11
RED SPRINGS	70		35			
ABBOTTSBURG	45		35			
SHELMERDINE	74		35		65	40
THE GENESIS	65		34			
HERITAGE	57		33		72	39
LIVING WATERS	73		33		89	26
SIMS	46		32			
NEW COVENANT	46		31		30	27
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	50		31			
SPRING OF LIVING WATER	37	17	31	17	30	24
INDEPENDENCE	57		30			
LYON MEMORIAL	85		29			
FRIENDSHIP NBD	59		29		26	14
WELDON	66		29			
MIDDLESEX	17		29			
LOWLAND	32		27		21	0
BAILEY	64		27		21	20
NEW CREATION	30		27			
VANCEBORO	33		26			
HOPEWELL	40		26		39	32
GOSPEL NET MINISTRIES	101		25		25	12
SHEKINAH	50		24		14	14
ALLIANCE	40		23		44	0
WADES POINT	54		23		30	7
GRACE COMMUNITY	39		22		12	6
WASHINGTON	21		21			
CLAYTON	44		21			
PLYMOUTH	59		21			
MERRITTS CHAPEL	58		21			
BLACK CREEK	55		21			
NEW HOPE	27		20			
CRYSTAL COAST	36		19			
GRIFTON	88		19		45	12
CALVARY TEMPLE	42		15		20	15
SONLIGHT	21		14		16	
WAKELON	19		12			
ALERT	58		12			
VICKS CHAPEL	20		11			
BELHAVEN	12		11			
GOOSE CREEK	30		11		20	0
NEW LIFE	27		10			
WINDSOR	13	8	8	8		
LIGHTHOUSE	11		8			
Total:	18356	827	9349	709	8487	5374
Average:	128	39	65	34	91	59
Count:	143		144		93	91

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Invites you to attend

The First Annual Senior Citizens Weekend

September 20—22, 1996

Emmanuel College is proud to announce a special weekend for our very important senior citizens. We welcome the opportunity to share with you the wonderful ways in which the Lord is blessing our school.

See First Hand:

* what Emmanuel is all about
* who our students are
* the daily activities the students are involved in
* the worldwide impact our students are making
* the vision of Emmanuel as it becomes reality

Enjoy:

* fellowship with long-time friends
* entertainment by students
* shopping at area outlets
* golf at Victoria Bryant Golf Course

Be Spiritually Refreshed and Inspired:

Musical Guest, Dave Boyer. He has performed in a special prayer breakfast for Gerald Ford, a gospel sing for Jimmy Carter, and the religious inaugural celebration for Ronald Reagan.
Dave's ministry brings a message of joy and offers wonderful opportunities of letting fellow Christians know that they are not alone. Dave's life is a testimony to the truth that God is forever with us.

Reverend John E. Hedgepeth. Since 1968 he has pastored Northwood Temple in Fayetteville, NC, where attendance averages 2,000 on Sundays.
Northwood Temple is experiencing a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit, drawing crowds from all denominations and walks of life throughout the Eastern Carolinas. God has given this New Testament Church a prophecy that is beginning to unfold as the people yield their lives through prayer and ministry. John Hedgepeth is the author of *Biblical Principles for New Christians*. He is a dynamic speaker anointed of the Lord and dedicated to the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

REGISTRATION FORM

Church or Group Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Ph. No. _____ Contact Person/Pastor _____

Your Name _____ Spouse _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Hotel Location Preference: Lavonia _____ Commerce _____

Hotel Preference: Comfort Inn _____ Days Inn _____

Shoneys Inn _____ Hampton Inn _____

ALL HOTEL EXPENSES AND MEALS FOR THE WEEKEND ARE COVERED BY THE COLLEGE

WE HOPE YOU WILL COME AND HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND WITH US.

Please make copies of this form as needed.

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 OCTOBER, 1996 NUMBER 10

HARVEST TRAIN
FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME
NOVEMBER 26, 1996

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Reverend Ralph Royal Johnson

January 4, 1912 – August 26, 1996

A service to celebrate the life and homegoing of Reverend Ralph R. Johnson was conducted at Joyner Funeral Home in Wilson, N.C., on Wednesday, August 28. Interment was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in the same city.

Pastor Ed Woolard, Reverend Clayton Guthrie (long-time friend and colleague) and Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long officiated.

Musical selections were provided by organist, Mrs. Billie M. Butler, Lenn Jackson (grandson-in-law to Reverend Johnson) and Reverend and Mrs. Roland Harrell. All clergy and their spouses attending were honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were Reverends Wiley T. Clark, Bobby Forehand, Jimmy Forehand, Ralph Jernigan, Ralph Leggett, and D. Chris Thompson.

Brother Johnson was born in Wayne County, January 4, 1912, *"the year the Titanic sank,"* as he was fond of saying. His parents were W. E. and Laura Edwards Johnson. Some of those early years were spent in Lenoir County growing up on a farm, a way of life to which Mr. Johnson didn't "cotton" to very well. The family, however, returned to Wayne County where the elder Johnson became a merchant and the younger graduated from Goldsboro High School. There were seven of the Johnson children who reached adulthood: Ed, Hubert, Ronald, Chester, Dora, Verna, and Ralph.

While attending Goldsboro High School, a young black-haired girl caught his eye. He was pleased to find this same young woman playing the piano at church, the then Oak Street Pentecostal Holiness Church. The attraction blossomed into romance, and the two were married October 10, 1933, at the home of Reverend Jerome Hodges, who was the Conference Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Reverend Johnson joined the Conference as a licensed minister in 1932, the same year he graduated from Holmes Bible College. (His mother, who died in 1939, joined the same year as a mission worker.) Two years later Ralph was ordained. While at Holmes he roomed with two young men named O. T. Howard and W. Harvey Morris. These men, unknown to them at the time, were destined to spend all their ministry life working together in the North Carolina Conference. (Reverend Johnson preached Mr. Howard's funeral in December of 1995. And upon learning of Ralph's death, Mr. Morris called out to God in prayer and said, **"Tell Ralph to hold the gate open, for I'll be there soon."**)

America was still in the throes of the depression in the '30s. The young couple began their married life living with her parents, Annie Zilphia and Fred Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster was a Goldsboro policeman. He was injured in the line of duty in about 1934 and subsequently became an invalid. The Johnsons were then responsible for them and remaining in Goldsboro became a necessity. Therefore, Reverend Johnson's first pastorates were those to which he could commute. They include Pink Hill, Calypso, Manley Grove, St. John, Clayton, Bizzell's Grove, Pike's Cross Road, Rocky Mount (now Living Faith), Shiloh, Benson, and Falcon (Culbreth Memorial).

The '30s also saw the arrival of electricity. Seeing the need of more income for the family, which now included two children, David and Carolyn, Mr. Johnson began his own business and called it Johnson Wiring Company. His two loyal employees, until World War II claimed them for the Navy and Air Force, were Jerome Hodges, Jr. and Joe Medford. Brother Johnson got in on the ground floor of this new industry and received his electrical contractor's license, which he kept renewed until he was in his late seventies. He used this expertise to wire churches and parsonages wherever and whenever he was called upon. During most of his 36 years on the Conference Board, he voluntarily served as the conference "Mr. Fixit" man. Many will remember him during youth camps and conferences, in his tan working clothes, working on the wiring, the plumbing, and whatever else that needed to be fixed.

A builder, as well as an electrician, he left his mark wherever he went. If there was a problem, he tried to solve it. When assigned to Falcon, he saw a need for Sunday School rooms for the little octagon-shaped church. Therefore, he built and wired the rooms. They have since been detached and the little church removed. At Greenville First, he almost single-handedly added sidewalks, remodeled the parsonage that included digging a basement, and putting in

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

central heat. This was done while the family lived in the parsonage, and his wife was recovering from a complete physical breakdown she had suffered in 1948, following the death of both parents. Greenville was his pastorate to which he was able to move into the parsonage

During the Greenville pastorate, he became the treasurer of the North Carolina Conference, an office he held for 36 years. At first all the work was done at home. He sometimes took his ledger to the hospital so he could spend time with his sick wife and still get the work done. He also kept tabs on David and Carolyn, seeing that they were fed, got to school, and did their homework. He served on the conference youth board, then known as the PHYS (Pentecostal Holiness Youth Society). At one time he was the Conference President. He with people like Jean Williams, Daisy (Jones) Morris, Ruth (Sharpe) Howard, saw opportunities for reaching the youth of our conference through Vacation Bible Schools– always accompanied by a two-week revival–and camps.

The first youth camp was held at Wilmington First Church which was a huge edifice purchased from the Presbyterians in the early '50s. The camps lasted for a weekend. When the conference headquarters moved to Falcon, week-long camps were begun. For several years Mr. Johnson served as dean of boys and Mrs. Jean Williams as dean of girls. Many people, even to this day, trace their religious roots to Falcon Youth Camps. Even those first years were times of cold showers, hot rooms, and hiding your mischief from "Mr. Ralph and Miss Jean." It was also a time of inspired religious training from people like Reverends T. O. Todd, Jake Till, Bobby Bagwell, Bane Underwood, and others. It was a time when divine calls to the ministry were felt and accepted, and lifelong friendships–even romances–were made. Some may remember learning how to lead the singing in church, practicing under the trees under the leadership of Lonnie Rex of Oklahoma.

From the time of his election to the Conference Board until his death, Mr. Johnson never missed a Quadrennial General Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The last one met in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1993. He and his wife drove down to attend. These conferences were very special to him and a pleasure to attend.

Ralph R. Johnson

The Johnsons were transferred to Wilmington First Church in 1951. From there they moved to Whiteville in 1954 and Clinton First in 1956. Mrs. Johnson's health gradually improved, and she became able to lead a normal life. These were the years when a stationing committee assigned pastors their churches, and pastors were expected to accept whatever assignment given them. After the stationing committee report was read by the presiding officer on the last night of camp meeting, the parsonage family, oftentimes with many tears, would line up behind their preacher husband and father and head off to another new field of service. No matter where Brother Johnson was assigned, he accepted it as mandate from God and went uncomplainingly.

After eight years at Clinton, where he tore down an old house the church had purchased, and designed and built a new parsonage, the Johnsons were assigned to the Belfast church and then later to Whitley. His pastorate was at Westmoreland in Wilson. Here he saw the need for Sunday School space. Once again he became the chief architect, contractor, and builder of the annex that is in his honor. By this time he was having to spend many hours in Falcon doing his treasurer's work as the conference had grown and new financial programs had been added. All bookkeeping continued to be done by hand as computers were not yet available. When the treasurer's position was made a full-time position, the Johnsons moved to Falcon, leaving the pastorate behind.

Mrs. Johnson's health had been declining for several years and on March 1, 1975, she passed away leaving her mate of 41 years a every lonely man. Then, in the good providence of God, on September 14 of that same year Mr. Johnson and Miss Gladys Barnes were married in the Westmoreland Church by Reverend T.O. Todd

Having exceptionally good health and energy, Mr. Johnson chose to stay on the job until age 70, retiring in 1982. For a while he and Mrs. Johnson remained in Falcon, but then retired to their home in Wilson, but he never retired in his mind and heart. In the 14 years since his official retirement he had continued to enjoy excellent health until this year. He filled in for vacationing ministers, supplied pulpits with no pastors, conducted weddings and funerals as well as attending to other ministerial duties. His last sermon was delivered at the Friendship Church on the morning of March 31, 1996. He had two other preaching engagements scheduled after that but had to cancel them due to his illness that was diagnosed on April 8, 1996.

Ralph Royal Johnson was a pioneer. His first love was always his God, his family, and his church...and in that order. Over the 62 years in the ministry he saw many changes, some were welcomed, some were not. His mentors had been men like Jerome Hodges, Sr., S. A. Fann, J. H. King; his peers were people like O. T. Howard, for whom he was often mistaken, W. Eddie Morris, W. Harvey Morris, Aaron Howard, Joe and Margaret Russell, Everette Thompson, T. O. Todd, Clayton Guthrie, Bishop J. Floyd Williams, and a host of others.

Ralph R. Johnson was always a man of high principles, one who served where sent, one who tried to make a positive difference, one who always let you know where he stood. And now, his labors are complete, and he has heard his Master say, "Welcome, thou good and faithful servant. You have fought a good fight; you have won the race." HE IS HOME AT LAST!

We envy his going and look forward to the time when we shall see him and be joined again! To God Be The Glory!

Memorial contributions may be made to the

Ralph R. and Annie Miller
Johnson Scholarship Fund
Emmanuel College
Franklin Springs, GA 30639

CHURCH NEWS

Capital Church News

Life has defining moments for all its pilgrims–those special events that are forever emblazoned in the memory and are periodically evoked and accompanied by smiles or tears. Some moments are prompted by great historic events, like remembering where you were when JFK was shot (typing class for me) or when our astronauts first landed on the moon. Others are defined by personal experiences, triumphs or tragedies, gains and losses. It's just the stuff of life.

Last month, on August 17, I added another event to my basket of memories. The occasion was the final day on which Rev. Roland Harrell would serve as the pastor of the Capital Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, a position he had held for almost fifteen years. Our congregation was taking it hard, perhaps because it was a totally unanticipated loss. In late July, at Conference in Falcon, a new full-time position of Secretary-Treasurer was created, and Rev. Harrell was elected. The membership learned of the imminent change in the morning worship service two days later. Choked sobs could be heard as a hush fell over the sanctuary. Our beloved pastor exhorted us to trust God and noted that if our loyalty to Christ and to the church were dependent upon his personal ministry alone, then his tenure has been not a success, but a failure. We were encouraged and began to busily prepare for a memorable farewell Sunday just three short weeks later.

The day arrived all too soon. Our beautiful sanctuary was filled with a sense of God's presence, and a huge bouquet of yellow roses graced the altar table. The opening congregational hymn, "Blessed Assurance," climaxed with a high soprano descant complemented by lofty notes from the organ and orchestra. The choir had prepared three favorites of the Harrells. "Jesus, The One and Only" backed by the refrain "All Hail the Power" set the atmosphere for a morning of worship; the ascending notes of "All Rise" brought the congregation spontaneously to its feet; "The Lamb Has Overcome" seemed to usher the congregation right through the portals of praise. Rounding out the musical program was an offertory arrangement of "Holy, Holy, Holy," in which the organ and piano echoed a majestic, swelling theme.

Prior to the sermon, Rev. and Mrs. Harrell were presented a crystal plaque on which was engraved in gold a likeness of the church and words of loving appreciation. Mrs. Harrell remained on the platform to deliver her own words of thanks for the love and support the membership has shown throughout their tenure and especially during the heartache of losing their son Kenneth. She challenged the congregation to meet her and Ken in heaven, and closing by reading from Philippians 1:3-6 NKJV. *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you...for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now..."*

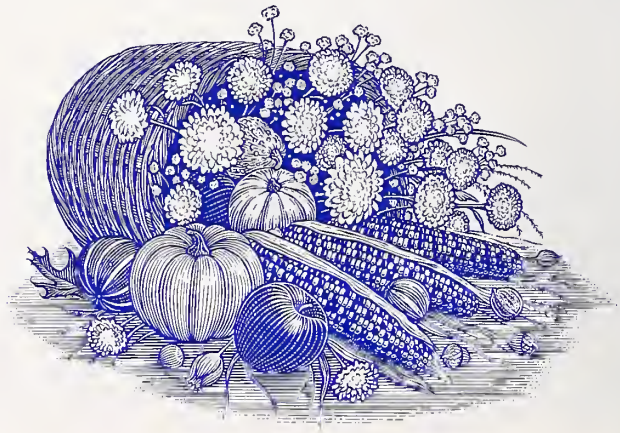
Continuing the same Scripture that his wife had used, Pastor Harrell focused on verse 6, *"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."* Rev. Harrell noted that just as Paul anticipated with great confidence the ongoing work at the early church of Philippi, so he, too, believed that the good work at the Capital Church would continue as long as we trusted in Christ, the Author and Finisher of the faith. Christ alone begins, inspires, and anoints the work, and He alone can sustain it and carry it on to completion. The church is a master stroke of God's creative genius, and His desire is that our lives be so transformed that we become a reflection of Jesus.

Rev. Harrell outlined four aspects of the good work Christ has begun in us: 1) The **light** of His Word as it moves upon our intellects and heart, changing attitudes, illuminating spirits, and producing growth; 2) The faithful **love** of God as it softens our hearts and heals our inner hurts and conflicts; 3) The **holiness** of God; and 4) The **security** God offers His people, since the good work is one of eternal consequence, "until the day of Jesus Christ."

The service culminated with a moving outpouring of love and appreciation, as Rev. and Mrs. Harrell were called to the podium to witness the dramatization of the song "Thank You." Members of the church who had actually been saved under the aegis of the Harrells were major participants in the drama, and during the final stanza of the song, all four entries of the sanctuary were opened as the children and teenagers of the church marched to the altar area singing *"Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed..."* Then the entire congregation rose and moved to the front, singing the chorus as an expression of their gratitude.

In the afternoon, a reception was held in the fellowship hall to honor the Harrells. Along with the membership, friends from the community, and former church members returned to express their appreciation to the pastor. In the evening, a baptismal service was conducted by Rev. Harrell and our Youth Minister as forty Christians made a public testimony of their faith by following Christ's example. Among them was my own nine-year-old grandson. I sat on the very front pew with tears in my eyes and hope in my heart, reflecting on the Lord's goodness to His people. I breathed a prayer, thanking God for the ministry of the Harrells, for the blessing they have been in my life, and for the events of this beautiful and special day that I was now adding to my own basket of memories.

Phebe Roberson



Tyndall Grove

The Lord has richly been blessing Tyndall Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Within the last year we have seen 10 people come to know Jesus Christ in a personal way. Tyndall Grove has also felt God's blessing in the financial and spiritual realms.

Our worship attendance is growing with anticipation of what God has in store for Tyndall Grove P.H.C. On August the 24th we added seven new members to our church family, and we at Tyndall Grove P.H.C. are rejoicing for God's blessings.

Pastor T. P. Davis

Saint Matthews Church News

On Sunday, June 30, 1996, the Saint Matthew Pentecostal Holiness Church honored our Pastor, Rev. Ralph Lambert, during the morning service. Brother Lambert was retiring as Pastor of our Church because of health problems. Special guests for the service were members of his family, including his children and grandchildren.

We presented Brother Lambert a plaque in appreciation of his 40 years in the ministry of God. It was engraved with this message. Rev. Ralph Lambert "May the work you have done speak for you." In appreciation for 40 years for Christian dedication, hard work, unselfish support, devotion, loyalty, and faithfulness to the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Brother Ralph's daughter, Sandra, did a special medley in song for her father. It was a very touching and emotional service as Brother Ralph was giving his last words as our pastor. We then had a bountiful lunch over in the fellowship hall after the service.

Brother Ralph and Sister Ernesteen are very special people to the people of Saint Matthew, and it was with regret, but with understanding, that we accepted his resignation. Our prayers are with this couple. May God bless them.

Wilma Jones, Church Secretary

Superannuated Birthdays For October

Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Clifton Turpin	October 27
Rev. Ethel Bailey	October 29
Rev. Louise Smith	October 31
Rev. Frank Moore	October 31

Southwestern College of Christian Ministries would like you to have the following dates for your '96 calendar. Would you please help us in making these dates available to your people?

Announcements:

SCCM Board Meeting - October 21, 22
Monday - Oct. 21, - Afternoon Meeting of Committees
Dinner with Board/Faculty/Adm.
Tuesday - Oct. 22, - Meeting of SCCM Board

Muse Lectures Series - October 22, 23, 24
Tuesday - Oct. 22, - p.m. service
Wednesday - Oct. 23, - 9–12 noon
7:00 p.m.
Thursday - Oct. 24, - 9–12 noon
7:00 p.m. Feast of Ingathering

Feast Of Ingathering - Oct. 24, - p.m.

News Release

Send The Light '96

Each year Men's Ministries...at the general, conference and local church levels, sponsor a ministry outreach for men to raise funds in order to place gospel literature into those areas that are targeted for immediate need. For 1996 the two targeted areas for Send The Light are: (1) Overseas – to provide financial support for gospel literature to the new church planting in Eastern Europe. (2) In the United States – A Hispanic project to translate the Men's Ministries Leadership Manual into Spanish.

The goal is for each Men's Ministries Fellowship to participate. The Fellowship can meet this challenge by having a fund-raising banquet, auction, car wash, or simply by seeking a pledge from each man. This is an opportunity to reach and train people who might never have had the opportunity to hear the gospel.

Send The Light '96 will take place in September and October. Send The Light contributions should be mailed to:

Men's Ministries
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

Reverend and Mrs. Walter K. White Celebrate 73rd Wedding Anniversary

The Reverend and Mrs. Walter Kelly White of Roanoke Rapids celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on July 27, 1996, with a special dinner given in their honor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and their spouses: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. (Thelma) Davis Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George (Eunice) Cater and Mr. and Mrs. I. D. (Helen) White.

Also assisting were other family members, including Mrs. Ollie Snipes, Mrs. Betty A. Rowland, and Mrs. Angie Cottrell.

Continued on page 10

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

What ever happened to testimony time?

Recently while attending the Piney Grove Camp Meeting, I was reminded again of my childhood years. When camp meeting time came, my mother would load up her car with several neighbors and her children and head to Hodges Chapel. We lived near enough so that it was convenient for us to go to several services during the course of the scheduled meetings. I have vivid memories of the sawdust floors and the mosquitoes. I remember the sultry heat and the Wilkerson Funeral Home hand fans. I recall the shelter being full and people sitting on benches on the outside. The old hymns and gospel songs would ring out in the night so that all in that rural community would hear. The old-time holiness preachers would preach messages anointed of God, and the people of God would rejoice in the Lord with praises and shouting. They were happy people as they forgot the cares of life. These people were just everyday, ordinary country folks. They didn't have much of the world's goods, but they were rich beyond measure in spiritual wealth.

Perhaps it was my attending the camp meeting, where I enjoyed Brother Doyle Marley's Holy Ghost anointed messages, that caused me to reminisce again about how it used to be. I know we can't live in the yesterdays... I am very much a believer in the future... but I can't help but treasure the past, for it made me what I am today. I value the sermons I heard from the likes of Brother D. J. Little and brother A. H. Butler. I'll never forget how Brother Jesse Crocker used to sing "Fifty Miles of Elbow Room" and how Brother E. S. Beasley's face would turn red as he preached with such might and fervor. I recall the special times when one of my childhood pastors, Brother J. W. Bunch and his wife, had Sunday dinners at our house. But, of all my memories of those early church years, one I most treasure is hearing the old saints of God stand up in church and give their witness at testimony time.

I learned to trust God with every need of my life from such people as Brother Offie Ross and his wife, Lovie. They were farmers, and many times I recall hearing them stand and testify to how they had prayed for their animals to be healed, and God had brought them to full recovery. I learned the value of spending time with the Lord in private from the testimonies of Sister Mollie Lilly when she shared with us how the Lord would bless her when she got away from the "clatter" of life and found time alone with God in her home. I remember how Sister Babe Lilly testified to the blessings of God. Once, in particular, I remember her telling of how she wanted to be sure her life was a witness for the Lord. She said that she knew her husband knew her better than anyone else in the world, and so she asked him what he thought of her Christian witness in the home. From her testimony, I learned the value of "walking the talk" at every moment and in every situation of life. Her husband, Brother Hunce, often stood to remind us of how Job had been tested and tried but stood true to God. What I heard him say caused me to know that God would go with me through the rough places. On and on I could go, for there were countless testimonies from men and women of God that made a great impact on my life.

What ever happened to that special time when people were given the opportunity to stand and give witness to the goodness of God? Have we become so programmed and time-conscious that we are perhaps leaving out the living examples of the power and might of God?

Oh, yes, I know that sometimes testimony time can be abused. I've also heard some of those "holier-than-thou" ones, and I've heard some that gave more credit to the devil for the problems in a person's life than they did to God for His power to deliver. But, all in all, I know that I have been strengthened in my spiritual life by the testimonies of God's faithfulness by His people.

God is no less to His people today than He was when I was a child. He is still a God of miracles and everyday helps. He still causes our cups to overflow when we spend time in His presence. He still takes us through the hard places. Yet, I wonder if we are giving voice to His goodness so that our children can learn from our experiences that God can do the same for them. Psalm 132:12 tells us, "If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore." Are we denying our children one of the greatest spiritual learning experiences of all?

What ever happened to testimony time?

Justine Shares...

As a small child, a "pit" was something that I was afraid of... even just to hear my parents mention the word. The fear of being shut up in the pit with the door closed was frightening enough, much less actually being left alone in such a dreary place. When I disobeyed, I was verbally threatened with being placed in the pit for punishment. This pit was for real. To this day, I believe my parents would have put me there; for what they promised, they carried out.

The pit was in the red barn where the cows and mules stayed. It was a room that was dark with no lights because this was before electricity had come to our small community. Only a lamp, such as a kerosene lantern, lighted this dark room. Imagine a dark, dark room. No doubt there were snakes, spiders and other scary creatures making their homes inside. This room was an ordering pit to place brittle tobacco so it would become pliable enough to handle. This was a place that I never wanted to be–not even for a second, much less for any length of time. Learning to obey the instructions of my

parents prevented me from actually experiencing what the pit was like beyond my view from the door.

The consequences and pitfalls of disobedience to God are given to us in God's Word, the Bible. We need to read and study it to learn about the pits that we fall into. In Matthew 15:14 (NIV), "Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit." We should be very careful whom we follow. We should seek God's will for our lives, for our very being is at stake. The pit of hell is for real! Following and obeying God is the only sure way to avoid the "pits" that are mentioned in God's Word.

As a young girl, I gave my heart to Jesus, and I committed my life that I would be a "living Bible." Women's Ministries has been a channel afforded me in which I could lead other women to Christ. I can make a difference. I can help others to stay out of the "pits" of life.

Justine Lee
Goldsboro District WM Director

Justine Lee is married to Jack Lee, and they live in the Bentonville community. They have one son, Captain George Jeffrey Lee, U.S. Army. He is married to Lynn, and they have two children, Catherine Elisabeth, age 2 1/2 and Andrew Thomas, age 1. Jeffrey is currently stationed at Ft. Campbell KY, and he and his family live in Clarksville, TN.

Justine is very active in the St. John PH Church. She currently serves as a choir member, local WM president, GEMS coordinator, and assistant Sunday School teacher. She has also served as a Sunday School teacher, youth director, deaconess, and WM secretary. Justine is a 26-year employee of Stackhouse, Inc. in the Goldsboro office, where she is presently Purchasing Agent.

Wonderfully Made...

If you are a woman of average weight, here's what goes on in that body of yours in a 24-hour period:

- Your heart beats 103,689 times.
- Your blood travels 168 million miles.
- You breathe 23,040 times.
- You inhale 438 cubic feet of air.
- You eat 3 1/4 pounds of food which the body digests.
- You lose 7/8 pounds of waste.
- You speak 4,800 words.
- You move 750 muscles.
- Your nails grow .000046 of an inch.
- Your hair grows .01714 of an inch.
- You exercise 7 million brain cells.

Psalm 139:14 "*...I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*"

Words of Wisdom...

I find the greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. (Oliver Wendell Holmes)

Fund -Raising Idea...

Hold a fashion show modeling used clothing. Take bids on the outfits as they are modeled. Charge small admission fee and serve refreshments.

Gems Ltc...

GEMS Leadership Training Council will be held in Falcon on October 25 and 26. This session provides indepth training for GEMS sponsors and coordinators. To register, contact Sarah Fuquay at 919-284-2107.

Keep On Smiling

When the kids have a spat and your cake just went flat,
When your energy sags and your mother-in-law nags,
When toys cover the floor – then there's a knock on the door,
KEEP ON SMILING.

When hubby's in a grumpy mood and just frowns at the food,
When the big kids are squalling and the baby's a-bawling,
When the windows are all blotchy and little Tommy just missed the potty,
KEEP ON SMILING.

When baby's temperature is soaring and your husband's a-snoring,
When the casserole's not done, but it's time for you to run,
When the car won't start and your nerves fall apart,
KEEP ON SMILING.

When the children's report cards don't look good–which puts you in a sour mood,
When the school play's gone just fine, then your Susie forgets her line,
When the teacher looks you up and down and greets you with an awful frown,
KEEP ON SMILING.

When your husband calls home, his voice all a-flutter,
Says,"Guess what, honey, I'm bringing company for supper,"
When you gasp, "But what'll I brew?" And he replies, "Babe, you always come through."
KEEP ON SMILING.

When it's five minutes 'til eight and the traffic lights won't cooperate,
When the babysitter's ill, and your boss is iller still,
When bills are paid late 'cause your income won't compensate,
KEEP ON SMILING.

When you're at the end of your tether, can't get your act together,
When, in all of creation, there's just no explanation,
When bad luck's on the roll — GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL!!
So, KEEP ON SMILING.

(Poem written by Sue Parker for 1996 Leadership Seminar Workshop "Service With a Smile.")

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Fall Missions Activities

There is a full schedule of activities planned for missions promotions in the Conference. The Conference World Missions Ministries is sponsoring two Saturday Training F.E.S.T.s. These have proven very effective in the past in getting the story of World Missions out. Enclosed are details of the F.E.S.T.s and area missions rallies in October. These events are opened to anyone who has an interest in expanding the kingdom of God.

Several missionaries will be living within the bounds of the Conference this fall and itinerating. They are available for special services. They may be reached as follows:

Joe and Elsie Arthur	Garner	(919) 779-0160
Linwood and Nancy Berry	Clinton	(910) 592-1327
	Jackie Wilson Missions Apt.	
Scott and Athena O'Connor	Raleigh	(919) 772-6521
David and Twila Sasser	Goldsboro	(919) 242-6141
L. J. and Peggy Wood	Falcon Missions Apt.	(910) 980-1419

"GO" Offering Update

The Lord has blessed the Conference with a miraculous Global Outreach Offering for 1997. Presently about 90% of the churches have sent in their money. The total received is about $167,000.00. The cash and pledges total $172,000.000. Our goal was $166,000.00. Praise the Lord for surpassing our goal.

The General Church is still a few thousand (about thirteen) short of the ONE MILLION GOAL. Superintendent Long and I are still praying that we will reach $175,000.00 in North Carolina.

Offerings received in Falcon through November will count toward the 1996 totals. Offerings received in Oklahoma City through December will count toward the 1996 totals. God is at work. Men and women are being saved.

North Carolina Conference Fall Missions Promotions

***FALL SATURDAY F.E.S.T.**	October 12, 1996 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Faith Church Greenville
AREA CELEBRATION	Monday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. Fayetteville Area Lyon Memorial Church
AREA CELEBRATION	Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. Williamston Area Robersonville Church
AREA CELEBRATION	Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. Lumberton Area Lumberton First Church
***FALL SATURDAY F.E.S.T.**	October 19, 1996, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conf. Training Center, Falcon

*The schedule for both the Saturday F.E.S.T.s will be the same. The repeat is to be more accommodating to participants. All ministers (and spouses), local missions directors, (and spouses), and local task force members (and spouses) are invited to the F.E.S.T.s. **Lunch will be served.**

NC Conference Fall Missions F.E.S.T.

Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training

Saturday-October 12, 1996-Faith Church, Greenville
Saturday-October 19, 1996-Conf. Training Center, Falcon

Purpose: The purpose of the Fall F.E.S.T. is to promote the cause of World Evangelism by bringing together, Pastors, Local Directors, and Local Task Force Members with Missionaries

Theme: "Blessed-To Be A Blessing"

Invited Participants:
Pastors, Ministers, Local Missions Directors, Local Task Force Members (Missions Committee Members), and spouses of each

Coordinators:
Sherrill Orvin - Director of People to People-World Missions Development, Oklahoma City, OK
Chris Thompson - Conference Director of Evangelism and World Missions

Missionary Guests:
Joe and Elsie Arthur - Africa
Linwood and Nancy Berry - Spain
Scott and Athena O'Connor - Frontiers (Muslims)
David and Twila Sasser - Zambia, Africa
Mike and Christy Via - Wycliffe
L. J. and Peggy Wood - Philippines

Schedule:

8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Displays, Coffee, Refreshments
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome-Orders of the Day-Director Thompson Music - David and Twila Sasser
9:15 – 9:35	Devotion - Sherrill Orvin
9:35 –10:05	Praying for Your Missionary - L. J. and Peggy Wood
10:05 –10:35	Present and Future-People to People-Sherrill Orvin
10:35 –10:55	Break - Displays and Refreshments
10:55 –11:00	Music - David and Twila Sasser
11:00 –11:30	Church Planting in Spain-Linwood and Nancy Berry
11:30 –12:00	African Update - Joe and Elsie Arthur (October 12) Muslim Outreach-Scott O'Connor (October 19)
12:00 –12:30	Missionary Communication - Sherrill Orvin
12:30 – 1:00	Idea Forum - Director Thompson
1:00	Intercessory Prayer, Lunch, Displays

Upcoming Evangelism Training Opportunities

Four of the Districts have District Revitalization Meetings scheduled for the fall. They are:

Raleigh District	October 22	Evangelistic Temple	Randal Strickland & Roland Harrell
Greenville District	October 24	Faith Church	Ferrell Hardison & Noah Barefoot
Wilmington District	November 14	Winter Park	Randal Strickland & Ferrell Hardison
New Bern District	To Be Announced-change of date due to Hurricane Fran		

These meetings have been well attended. The speakers have done a fantastic job. The meetings are open to everyone. Clergy who attend may earn two hours of CEU credit.

USA - School of Evangelism

Assistant General Superintendent James Leggett, USA Evangelism Director, has announced the 1997 School of Evangelism. The School of Evangelism will begin Tuesday night, January 7 and continue through Thursday noon. Bishop B. E. Underwood will be the evening speaker. Several pastors will be speaking in the morning sessions. A brochure with all the details will be forthcoming. The meeting will be held at Heritage USA, Charlotte.

John Maxwell Seminar - Winston-Salem, N.C.

January 9 & 10, 1997

The Evangelism Department has been trying for two years to get John Maxwell into the Conference. We have been working in cooperation with the Pentecostal Free-Will Baptist Church and the N.C. Assembly of God. He has agreed to come January 9 and 10. On the first day he will deal with Leadership. On the second day he will speak on Stewardship. We have been given a special registration of $100.00 each (normally $175.00).

In order to get the special cost, individuals must register through the Conference. **Individuals should register immediately**. The fee may be sent in later. Information as to motels etc. will be forthcoming. Registration is limited.

About Dr. John Maxwell

John Maxwell is the leading author and speaker on the topic of leadership with over 25 years of experience, most recently as the Senior Pastor of Skyline Wesleyan Church in San Diego, California. He knows firsthand what it means to be an effective pastor and leader.

John is internationally known in the area of leadership. Each year he speaks to over 100,000 leaders from all over the world. He's written several best-selling books and produced hundreds of tapes, videos, and other training materials for leaders.

John is a master communicator. He's entertaining, thought-provoking, and informative. One minute you'll be laughing, and the next you'll sit still in silence as he opens your eyes to the frustrations that most leaders feel and the insights of how to overcome them.

Ten Questions Answered by the John Maxwell Leadership Seminar:

1. How can I recruit volunteers for ministry in my church?
2. What should the Pastor-Board relationship be like?
3. How can I best deal with criticism?
4. How can I get more done in less time?
5. How can I meet everyone's expectations (as pastor, spouse, parent)?
6. How can I identify, mentor, and evaluate other leaders in my church?
7. What are the keys to growth in my church?
8. How can I move my congregation from attendees to active members?
9. What steps must I take to turn from being a minister to a leader?
10. What should my priorities be as a leader?

Here's What You'll Learn:

- Four challenges that will help you maximize your potential as a leader.
- Ten principles for leading your church to greater growth.
- How to make the transition from pastor to leader.
- How to equip and lead through people and why pastors fail to minister through others.
- Ten facts about leadership you need to know and understand.
- How to select those who should be closest to you.
- Four questions that will determine the health of your leadership.
- The five levels of leadership, what they are, and how to move up!
- **Proven principles for successful stewardship.** If you use the information given in this session, you are guaranteed to increase your regular giving by at least 15%.
- Practical tools for helping your laity apply valuable truths on giving.

73rd Anniversary

Continued from page 5

As part of the celebration, Rev. White and his bride of 73 years repeated their wedding vows, with the Reverend William D. Dunning officiating.

Mrs. Ina Dunning served as pianist for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bride serenaded her husband with the song, "I'll Always Be Your Sweetheart."

Great-granddaughter Sarah Ashly White presented the bride with a replica of the hat she wore on her wedding day 73 years ago.

A program afterward included special comments and testimony by the bridegroom; a solo by E. C. Warren; and group singing by those in attendance.

A special poem honoring the couple's marriage, composed by grandniece Cheryl Askew, was read by Betty Askew Rowland, Mrs. White's niece.

The covered dish dinner included ham, fried chicken, assorted vegetables, and desserts, and a special cake commemorating the event.

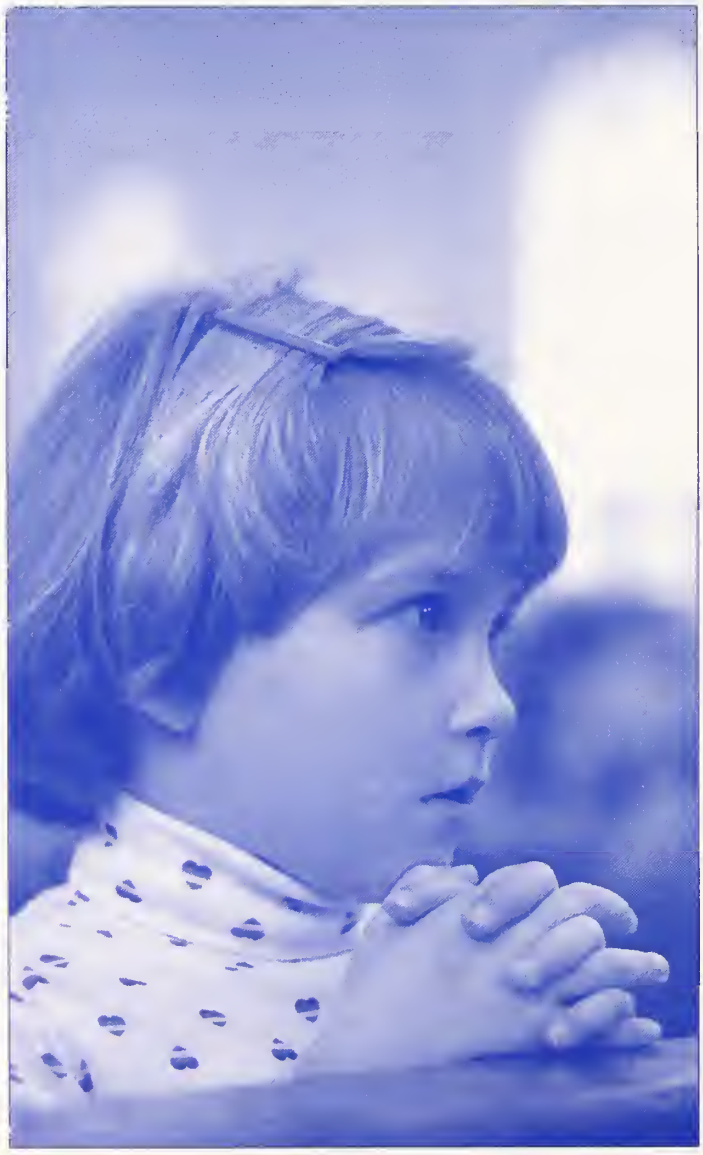
Rev. and Mrs. White, the former Annie Mae Askew, were married on July 6, 1923, in Suffolk, Virginia. She was 15, and he was 21.

Mrs. White, born near Franklin,Virginia, moved to Roanoke Rapids at the age of nine. Her husband is a native of Northampton County. Both are retired from the textile mills in Roanoke Rapids.

An ordained minister, Reverend White retired from the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1970 after serving more than 30 years as pastor of several churches in eastern North Carolina, most recently, the Welden Pentecostal Holiness Church where they still attend as health permits.

The Whites are also the parents of the late George William White and Walter Kelly White, Jr. They have 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Approximately 90 members and friends were on hand to share in the couple's celebration.



Remember Harvest Train for Falcon Children's Home

Tuesday, November 26, 1996

Falcon Children's Home has ministered to the needs of children since 1909. They provide a Christian environment, educational opportunities and many other programs.

Please make your contribution to the Children's Home bigger than ever before. They need your commodities to replenish the warehouse as well as funds to supply the needs of the children. Your giving provides utilities, maintenance, groceries, clothing, payroll, and personal needs for the children.

The children and staff will be looking for you on Harvest Train Day.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - July, 1996

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680		580		630	430
Kinston First	621		251		321	258
Gospel Tabernacle	609		235		359	265
Mt. Olive LD	309		213		100	105
The First	360		197			
Pikes Crossroads	78		188		130	29
Tarboro First	214		182		185	119
Stedman	280		156		251	125
Greenville First	240		147		80	66
Shiloh Wd.	284	41	145	41	177	88
Mt. Carmel	335		138		180	90
Robersonville	198		132		181	116
Chadbourn	187		132		174	81
St. Pauls	176	37	130	35	132	99
Brentwood	135		127		150	192
Wilson First	164		120		65	80
Harker's Island	131		116		65	64
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	115	15	169	129
Bizzell Grove	161	40	112	39	85	37
Clinton	252		111		174	102
Lumberton	315	14	109	10	140	81
Whitley	269		103		259	236
Peniel	260		101		108	47
Williamston	168	12	100	14	149	84
St. Paul	156		95		40	51
Millennium	178	35	90	37	90	56
Harvest Temple	171	65	88	47	107	45
Belfast	119		87		92	46
Smyrna	106		84		101	54
Bethany	155	5	83	22	109	34
Living Faith Fell.	120		78		101	57
Benson	167	48	76	21	140	92
Wallace	227		75		67	54
St. John	131		74		34	41
Evangelistic Temple	210		72		140	84
Baywood	117		68		60	38
Roper	90		67		86	60
Harvest Fellowship	128		66			
Emmanuel	94		65		60	57
Bridgeton	84		64		57	0
Roanoke Rapids	260		64		35	22
Wilmington	142		63		142	25
Eastside	202		63			
Rehoboth	139		60			60
Stantonsburg	108		60			
Graham Memorial	100		59		54	36
Midway	141	31	59	23	81	36
New Bern First	126		58		97	54
Sharon	99		58		43	27
Brocks Chapel	155		58		91	32
Moores Chapel	106		57		75	42
Manleys Grove	127		57			
Taylors Chapel	130		56			
Elizabethtown	70	11	55	11		
Hollands Chapel	65		55		30	19
Calvary LD	31		53			
Trinity RMD	90		53		55	40
Thomas Chapel	127		52		66	27
Hobgood	100		52			
Carson Memorial	78		51		65	29
Mount Olive	90		51			
Thompson Chapel	104		49		59	27
Bethel	86		49			

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS AVG.. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Tyndall Grove	85		49		24	0
Westview	112		48		88	39
Sanford First	94		47		49	26
Kenly	93		46			
Selma	68		46			
Shiloh FD	92		46			
Spring Hope	63		45		57	47
Ebenezer	60		45		46	32
Faith WD	64	57	45	192		
Maranatha	68		44			
New Vision	58		42			
Friendship WD	88		41		52	33
Tabernacle	75		41		62	35
Shelmerdine	74		40		65	39
Scotland Neck	53		40		32	31
Boardman	205		39		201	27
Ahoskie	104		39		59	24
Niagara	148		38		33	15
Faith GD	80		38		60	43
Winterville	95		37			
Jacksonville	74		37		57	47
Albritton	74	20	36	20	43	24
Trinity CD	130		36		50	29
Abbottsburg	47		35			
New Covenant	47		34		30	31
Living Waters	73		34		89	29
Jones Grove	66		33			
Oak Ridge	64		33		28	11
Westmoreland	123		33		73	30
Weldon	66		32			
Sims	49		32			
Heritage	58		31		72	34
Lyon Memorial	85		31			
Spring of Living Water	37		31		30	26
Vaughans Chapel	50		29			
Independence	57		29			
Vanceboro	33		29			
Bailey	64		28		21	20
New Creation	37		27			
Lowland	32		25		24	0
Middlesex	17		25			
Friendship NBD	59		24		26	11
Shekinah	50		24		17	14
Merritts Chapel	58		22			
Grifton	88		22		45	20
Crystal Coast	36		22			
Alliance	40		22		44	0
Grace Community	35		21		27	9
Gospel Net Ministries	101		19		25	16
New Hope	27		19			
Wades Point	56		19		29	4
Black Creek	55		18			
Vicks Chapel	19		17			
Sonlight	21		13		16	
Alert	55		13			
Wakelon	17		11			
Goose Creek	30		9		20	0
Lighthouse	11		7			
New Life	27		6			
Red Springs	71					
Total:	16486	441	8288	527	8035	4914
Average:	134	32	68	38	96	59
Count:	123		122		84	84

T.E.A.M. 2000 Takes The Message To The Olympics!!

N.C. Conference Teenagers joined 5,000 teenagers from all over the world to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ during the Summer Games in Atlanta. The Team consisted of six churches from the N. C. Conference: Bizzell's Grove, The Capital, Clinton, Evangel, Gospel Tabernacle, Thunder Swamp.

Our teenagers were divided into 4 Drama teams. There were 26 other Pentecostal Holiness Church Drama teams across the nation in Atlanta consisting of a total of 270 short-term missionaries from the International Pentecostal Holiness Churches.

During our stay the group ministered through drama and preached in front of literally hundreds of thousands of people. Our teens prayed with many people for salvation, rededications, financial needs, marriage restoration, healings, and other needs.

Not only did God use our Drama Teams in a mighty way, but God also worked on each team member to commit to a deeper walk with Him.

Keep your eyes open, and if you are interested in going on a short-term missions trip with TEAM 2000 next summer, contact Charles Boyd, TEAM 2000 Director at 919/772-5919.

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 NOVEMBER, 1996 NUMBER 11

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare"

Psalm 75:1.

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Autumnal colors, Harvest fields, frosty mornings, chilly evening air! Ah, these are those tell-tale evidences that a transition is in progress. This is a transition from summer to fall. One other evidence I pose is a popular tradition in my part of the country – **Homecoming!**

Many of our churches excitedly engage in this annual pilgrimage to a special day of praise and worship either in the church they grew up in or in the one they now worship.

Homecoming provides for me a collage of precious memories to flood my mind. Mental pictures of friends and family hugging and smiling as they greet each other after months or years of separation bring pleasant thoughts to me. Crowded church buildings and my, my, my; masses of food on fellowship building tables or on a stretch of makeshift tables in the yard as we enjoyed "dinner on the ground"; it is enough to make my taste buds activate right now.

I see precious people who have gone on to their reward as I reminisce over my picturesque mental collage. Afternoon gospel singings when I'm so full and sleepy all I really want to do is take a nap are part of this illustrative portrayal. It all calls me **Home.!**

The scripture records that Jesus went home. Luke 4:14-22 puts it this way, **"AND HE CAME TO NAZARETH WHERE HE HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP." "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet, Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bore him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"** *[The New Scofield Reference Bible]*

Jesus came home to give the people a message. That message, as recorded in the scripture text above, gives hope like no other message. If Jesus had never given us the message of hope, there would be no star over Bethlehem, no Sermon on the Mount to tell us how to live, no crucified Lord on Calvary, and no resurrection morning. The whole of human society would be cast in utter darkness and helplessness.

But He did come! Has He come "home" to your heart and life? Do you live in the **Hope** He gives? It is a hope that no one nor any thing can give.

When Jesus Christ comes home to a life, He gives hope to the hopeless. When Jesus came into this world, most people were hopeless. Most of humanity was subject to a favored few. Children and women were barely more than other possessions such as cattle and material belongings. The hopelessness from which Jesus delivered then was not much different from the plight of the hopeless in every age. Jesus places a high value on people; all people. It doesn't matter how high or how low they are in this world's society, He came to bring Hope to all.

I heard the late Dr. B. R. Lakin say, "Hope is well-founded, well-grounded expectation for the future." You can't find that in any monetary system, scientific development or modern communication system no matter how state-of-the art they may be. We find that kind of **Hope** in Jesus Christ, Only!

This undying **Hope** is available to all people. It is within reach of the unsaved, the underprivileged; the illiterate and academically achieved may share alike in its reality. The sick and the suffering can clutch healing and deliverance in **Hope's** provision.

I read somewhere that a Lincoln birthday cartoon appeared in a newspaper. This one showed a log cabin at the bottom of a ladder and the White House was at the top. The caption under the cartoon announced, "The ladder is still there." **Hope** is still in Jesus Christ!

When Jesus comes home, He comes to tell us the God we have is not some imposing monarch waiting to pounce on us in Judgment at the slightest infraction against His law. He is truly a God of judgment who has delivered that task to His Son who has tempered judgment with mercy as His grace provides salvation for the penitent person who comes to Him in simple faith.

When Jesus comes home, He brings the Hopeful message that makes life worth living. He wants us to know that no matter how poor [physically, mentally, socially and in any other way], He has the Gospel [Good News about and from God, the Father] for that person's needs. Broken-hearted people may bring Him each shattered heart, and He will mend it. Every captive is freed in Him. The blind are healed and enlightened, while the bruised [emotionally, philosophically or in whatever manner] are healed by the ointment of His Person and presence. He has come home to annunciate this day of deliverance, "The acceptable year of the Lord"!

Rejoice! Celebrate! Jesus Christ is at home among us!

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Walter Kelly White

Reverend Walter Kelly White was born in Northampton County, N.C., on February 19, 1902, to the family of James W. and Alberta Lowe White.

He wed Miss Annie Mae Askew on July 26, 1923, in Suffolk, Virginia. She was 15 years of age and he was 21. Mrs. White was born near Franklin, Virginia, and had moved to Roanoke Rapids at the age of nine. Brother White deceased on Monday, October 7.

The Lord gave Brother Kelly and Sister Annie five children. George William and Walter Kelly, Jr. preceded their father in death. Surviving children are Thelma, [Mrs. Herbert E. Davis, Jr.] Eunice [Mrs. George Cater] and I. D. White whose wife is Helen. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 38 great great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren.

Brother White was converted in October of 1932 at the Wakelon Pentecostal Holiness Church. He became a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and at the time of his death he was a member of Roanoke Rapids First.

He was granted Mission Worker's License on January 24, 1941, Local Minister's License on September 1, 1945, and was ordained on August 30, 1947. Brother Kelly was an energetic preacher and a caring pastor. He loved his Lord supremely and was devoted to this denomination and conference. He remained active as long as he possibly could. He and Sister White participated in camp meeting, Christian Worker's Institute and other district and conference functions until just a few months ago when ill health altered their schedule. He was dependable to the greatest extent. His monthly reports were always on time and he was up to date at the time of his departure. Brother White was a straight-forward man of integrity.

This pastor served the following churches: Weldon [on three different assignments] Gum Chapel [now Harvest Temple] Wakelon, Merritts Chapel, Thomas Chapel, Spring Hope, Darling [now Trinity], Taylor's Chapel, Lamm's Grove and Rock Grove. He came out of retirement after he had moved home to Roanoke Rapids to serve the Abbottsburg Church.

Funeral services for Reverend Walter Kelly White were conducted in the chapel of Branch Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids on Wednesday, October 9. His grandchildren and the Weldon church choir sang. Superintendent T. Elwood Long and pastors B. C. Horrell and William C. Dunning officiated. Interment as in Crestview Gardens at Roanoke Rapids.

I followed Brother White at my first pastorate, Weldon. We developed a close friendship then that will continue for eternity. The last words he spoke to me on Friday, October 4 were "Come back to see me." I'm on my way!

Of all the many commendable things across the years I heard people say of Brother White was "Kelly White is a good man." The presence of the Lord in his life gave him that reputation.

TEL

A Tribute To Rev. Walter K. White

We can say along with the Psalmist David, The ways of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. This can be said of Brother White. He walked in the ways of the Lord. We will miss him very much. He was a Holy man that walked among us from day to day. But on Monday morning October 7, 1996, he was closer to Heaven than he was the earth so God said, come up hither. Now he's basking in the sunlight of God's glory without pain. We have been so blessed to have had him in our church over the years. He was a man that stood tall in the church, in the home, or on the street. Many good things could be said about Brother White, but his life spoke louder than anything we could say. He lived his convictions every day. His faith never wavered. He was a blessing to all of us. We will miss him, but we'll never forget him. What a man! We appreciate his ministry and his faithfulness to the Weldon Church.

Reverend Walter Kelly White

Pastor Dunning and the church

Superannuated Birthdays For November

Rev. Ralph Lambert ..... November 23
Rev. J. Everett Eatmon ..... November 26
Rev. W. 0. Foreman ..... November 26
Rev. Wiley Vick ..... November 29

Albritton Church News

What beautiful scenery for a Sunday morning worship service! The location was a beautiful pond surrounded by lovely shade trees. Immediately after Sunday School, members of the congregation gathered for a baptismal service. The pastor, Brother W. B. Satterfield, assisted by Gary Jones, had the pleasure to baptize eight individuals on this lovely Sunday morning. Brother Ken Simmons from Clinton delivered an inspiring message along the banks of the pond.

An old timey picnic was enjoyed by the congregation.

We are grateful for what the Lord is doing at Albritton Church under the leadership of our fine pastor, Brother Satterfield. We have much to be thankful for at Albritton.

The GEMS and Royal Rangers have been very busy this summer planning and attending events.

We were fortunate to have fourteen young people attend Summer Retreat '96 in Falcon this summer. The church sold candy through the C. E. Candy scholarship program to enable this many youth to attend.

God is blessing and continues to bless. We give Him the Glory for all things.

Yvonne Jones, Reporter

Lines From Linda

God is so awesome! I find it truly amazing when I consider the ways in which He ministers and speaks to me.

Recently I had a need to use my ice cream freezer to make ice cream for a party at our son's home. As usual, I was running on a tight time schedule. I had rushed in from church and mixed the ingredients and was ready to make ice cream. Upon looking in the pantry in the spot where I always keep the freezer, I could not locate it. I moved several items in that area around to be sure something wasn't blocking my view of it, but no freezer was to be found. I then made a trek out to the utility room, thinking that I perhaps had left it there. After scrambling through several areas there, I still found no freezer. Since the hour was rapidly approaching when I was to have ice cream prepared, I sent Joe to my sister's house to borrow her freezer. However, being the persistent person I am, I was not about to give up looking for my freezer. So back to the pantry I went. Upon entering, I just stood back and scanned the shelves. As I did so, my eyes glanced upward. There on the top shelf was my ice cream freezer – all clean and neatly stored. Then I remembered!! When I had last cleaned the pantry, I decided that the ice cream freezer was not an often-used piece of equipment, and a move to the top shelf for it would make more room for other pieces in the lower area at its usual storage space.

Soon Joe returned with Peggie's freezer in hand. By this time, I already had the mix in the freezer, the ice and salt layered in the tub, and the motor was running. Of course, Joe was surprised and inquired of me as to where I had found the freezer. My reply to him was, "I failed to look up."

When I said those words to Joe, the Holy Spirit spoke a message to my heart. I shared with Joe what my spirit was receiving. Isn't that just like human nature? We think we know just where to look for all the answers. We scramble around the way we have always done things and are so sure of ourselves, and we fail to look up.

I have thought about this principle several times since this incident. I think it might be relative to Women's Ministries. Often I hear WM Presidents say things such as, "I have tried everything to motivate. I just can't get women interested. They won't attend meetings." Could it be that we are looking in the same old places? Could it be that we are using methods and approaches that are obsolete? Could it be that we have kept our meetings in the same place so long and at the same level so long that we can't imagine them being any other way or place? Could it be that we need to look up to God for new levels in our own Christian experiences? Do we need to look up spiritually for different approaches and ideas for our meeting times? Could it be that we need to look to Jesus for direction instead of the usual places? Can we heed the words of the great old hymn by Helen H. Lemmel?

> Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
> And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
> In the light of His glory and grace.

I guess the sign I saw on a bulletin board recently sums it all up. It stated, DOUBT LOOKS BACK, WORRY LOOKS AHEAD, BUT FAITH LOOKS UP. We can't continue to look to the methods of the past. Yesterday is gone. Nor can we spend our time worrying about the future, other than to make positive preparation for it. Instead, we can look up in faith knowing that God has just the right equipment for our use in promoting His kingdom here on earth. Let's be sure to LOOK UP!!

NOTE: No, Joe's trip to my sister's house was not in vain. I just mixed up another batch of ice cream mix and added a few fresh chopped peaches, and we had two freezers of ice cream to take to the party. Here's my ice cream recipe (in case you find your freezer).

1/2 gallon milk
2 cups sugar
6 eggs, beaten well
1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk
1 pint whipping cream
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
pinch salt
(May need to add more milk to make enough for 4-quart freezer tank.)

Feast of Ingathering...

What a joy it was for Linda Thomas, Sue Parker, Patsy Deese, and Phyllis Harreli to represent the North Carolina Women's Ministries and the church families of the North Carolina Conference at the Feast of Ingathering at Emmanuel College on October 7th. The activities began on Monday evening with the President's Dinner in the cafeteria for WM guests. The 1996 theme for Feast of Ingathering was A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE. Dr. David Hopkins, President of Emmanuel College, welcomed the guests and gave comments as to the growth and expansion plans for the school. Following the dinner, the program was held in the gymnasium. A video presentation entitled SHAPING A NEW GENERATION was shown. The video will be used as an infomercial to advertise Emmanuel College. The program included greetings from General Women's Ministries President Doris Moore and comments from two of our own North Carolina students, Caroline Mashburn and Adam Barrington. A highlight of the program was the music by the Emmanuel College Choir. They are dynamic! Because of the generosity of the North Carolina Conference people, NCWM officials were able to take an offering of $56,797.69 to Emmanuel College. The total FOI offering was $124,430.95.

On Tuesday morning, they were present at the Holmes College of the Bible Ingathering to take the offerings which were designated for that school. A tribute to Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Benson was given as part of their program. A drama was also presented by Holmes students. An offering from the North Carolina Conference in the amount of $11,802.28 was presented. The total offering there was about $46,000.

The top ten WM's/Churches in Feast of Ingathering giving are as follows:

Kinston First	$12,080.75
Greenville First	$ 6,000.00
The Capital	$ 3,000.00
Moore's Chapel & Peniel	$ 2,500.00
Shiloh (Wilson District)	$ 2,470.00
The First	$ 2,000.00
Holly Hill	$ 1,505.00
Robersonville & St. John	$ 1,200.00

Special thanks to **all** the churches who participated in this special opportunity to promote higher education institutions in which our young people can receive training for their futures.

On A Hill Far Away...

Our WM study course for 1996, **Little House on the Freeway,** brings back memories of my childhood. Some of the most vivid memories of my earliest years are bits of conversations and incidents that happened around the table. We had plenty of time to enjoy the food, meager though it may have been, that my mother prepared. We had time to share conversation together and sometimes my sister and I got the "silly giggles" and had to be called down or told to leave the table until we could straighten up.

We learned the value of hard work as our Mom and Dad set the example before us to provide the necessities for our family. With no modern conveniences, chores were not a quick accomplishment; yet, still many evenings were spent on the front porch chatting with neighbors (while burning a little fire nearby to fight off mosquitoes). I remember the evenings I would walk with my mother and other neighbors to the other side of town to an old gospel tent meeting. This was my first encounter with holiness services. What an excitement was in the air worshipping and praising God – no time schedule – and people looking on from the outside. Many memories I will cherish because God saw fit to call my mother home when I was only twelve years old.

We cannot go back to those slow-paced peaceful days of the "prairie," nor would we really want to. Hurricane Fran opened a lot of eyes for a brief time to the loss of conveniences that we enjoy. Also, God taught a lot of our business world through Fran that operation can stop for a day. Doors can close for a day.

It is true that we are living in a hurried society. In our study book, Tim Kimmel compares it to the fast pace of the freeway. Many times meals (fast foods) are eaten on the run, and table conversations with those dearest to us are lost. We have schedules to keep. We have goals, objectives, and deadlines to meet. There is so much to be done. Yet God has blessed us with means and opportunities that we have never before had to carry on His great work.

In all of our hurries and busyness, God wants us to pull aside and find rest...genuine rest in Him. Sometimes we must pull off the fast pace of the freeway and go down that lonely, narrow road that leads to the Old Rugged Cross. The road will not be much traveled. It will not be crowded, but those who make this journey will find rest and strength for the soul and for the task ahead. The song writer said, "On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross .... For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me."

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" Jeremiah 29:13.

By Joyce Swinson

Joyce Swinson is a native of Mt. Olive and is the wife of Rev. Jimmy Swinson, pastor of Peniel Church at Roseboro. She presently teaches the Young Adult Class in Sunday School. They have three children and five grandchildren. Joyce serves as the Clinton District WM Director.

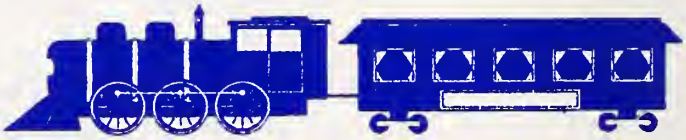
Couples Retreat Report...

The NCWM Couples Retreat, held at Kensington Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC, was a great time of renewal and fellowship. In a Carribean setting, the couples enjoyed a luau banquet on Friday evening. On Saturday and Sunday, Rev. Roger Barefoot led workshops on marriage personalities.

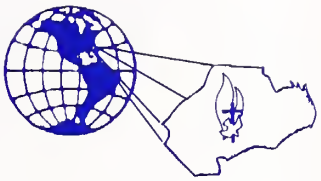
Rev. Roger Barefoot and Cathy Ward prepare for Couples' Retreat Workshop.

Janice and Gary Marshburn (in background) enjoy visiting with other couples at retreat.

Couples of all ages take advantage of a special time together.



GET ON BOARD...HARVEST TRAIN ...NOVEMBER 26!!



CHES

as a World
ries has a
d special
t items for
Christian
n Summer
aries. The
the Light
sis. This is
f its scope
presented
Hardee of

esignated
e our men
ies to meet
he United
d is using
across the

Pentecostal
1992. The
ld through
is funded
liness men
give to the
that are in

ing:

ssia
sh

iba
istry

gapore
lst

ng in

Spanish

1996 - Overseas – East Europe support
U.S.A. – Men's Ministries Leadership Manual translated into Spanish

The requested annual contribution is only $5.00 per man (about the price of one meal). Of course anyone can contribute to the program and any amount.

Contributions should be mailed to Men's Ministries, P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 283053307 and earmarked "Send the Light."

CHANGES IN EVANGELISTS

At the Evangelism Board Meeting in September, Evangelist Deborah Williams met with the Board to discuss her future ministry. She has resigned as a Conference Evangelist. Below in her own words is her testimony of how God is leading her to broaden her ministry. Evangelist Williams has done an excellent job as Conference Evangelist. May the Lord continue to anoint her as she broadens her ministry.

"Ministry Transitions"

Dearest Partners, Friends,

For nearly a year, I've wrestled with stepping down from all my positions in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. That includes my titles as an "International Evangelist" with World Missions and as a **"Conference Evangelist"** for the North Carolina Conference. As a Conference Evangelist the Conference has helped me financially with a small "housing allowance" and paid my health premiums. As an International Evangelist I received compensation when I traveled overseas.

At last I've prayed my way to the place of relinquishment with absolute peace and assurance to embrace God's plan. I'll admit, launching out with no visible means of support is a little scary, but every step of the way I'm reminded of God's promises (some from years back). Over and over His Word has been, "I will open a door that no man can shut."

Please allow me to squash any possible rumors that inevitably circulate with changes in ministry positions. I want to announce **to all my Pastor friends, I am still holding revivals anywhere and everywhere.** Please don't forget me. I have definitely **NOT** left the denomination. I'm merely getting freed up to do whatever! ➤

On A Hill Far Away...

Our WM study course for 1996, **Little House on the Freeway,** brings back memories of my childhood. Some of the most vivid memories of my earliest years are bits of conversations and incidents that happened around the table. We had plenty of time to enjoy the food, meager though it may have been, that my mother prepared. We had time to share conversation together and sometimes my sister and I got the "silly giggles" and had to be called down or told to leave the table until we could straighten up.

We learned the value of hard work as our Mom and Dad set the example before us to provide the necessities for our family. With no modern conveniences, chores were not a quick accomplishment; yet, still many evenings were spent on the front porch chatting with neighbors (while burning a little fire nearby to fight off mosquitoes). I remember the evenings I would walk with my mother and other neighbors to the other side of town to an old gospel tent meeting. This was my first encounter with holiness services. What an excitement was in the air worshipping and praising God – no time schedule – and people looking on from the outside. Many memories I will cherish because God saw fit to call my mother home when I was only twelve years old.

We cannot go back to those slow-paced peaceful days of the "prairie," nor would we really want to. Hurricane Fran opened a lot of eyes for a brief time to the loss of conveniences that we enjoy. Also, God taught a lot of our business world through Fran that operation can stop for a day. Doors can close for a day.

It is true that we are living in a hurried society. In our study book, Tim Kimmel compares it to the fast pace of the freeway. Many times meals (fast foods) are eaten on the run, and table conversations with those dearest to us are lost. We have schedules to keep. We have goals, objectives, and deadlines to meet. There is so much to be done. Yet God has blessed us with means and opportunities that we have never before had to carry on His great work.

In all of our hurries and busyness, God wants us to pull aside and find rest...genuine rest in Him. Sometimes we must pull off the fast pace of the freeway and go down that lonely, narrow road that leads to the Old Rugged Cross. The road will not be much traveled. It will not be crowded, but those who make this journey will find rest and strength for the soul and for the task ahead. The song writer said, "On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross .... For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me."

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" Jeremiah 29:13.

By Joyce Swinson

Joyce Swinson is a native of Mt. Olive and is the wife of Rev. Jimmy Swinson, pastor of Peniel Church at Roseboro. She presently teaches the Young Adult Class in Sunday School. They have three children and five grandchildren. Joyce serves as the Clinton District WM Director.

Cou

The NC
in Myrtle B
In a Carrib
Friday ever
led worksho

Rev. Roger Ba

Janice and Ga

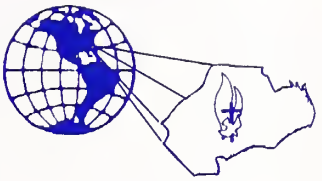
Coup

GET C

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"



DEPARTMENTAL OUTREACHES

Every Department (Distinctive Ministry) has a World Missions Emphasis. The Women's Ministries has a sponsor emphasis, prayer emphasis, and special Christmas emphasis. In addition, they collect items for their Conference Missionary Commissary. The Christian Education Ministry is extensively involved in Summer Action Ministry and Tools Program for missionaries. The Men's Ministries has developed the Send the Light ministry. This is their World Missions emphasis. This is a fairly new ministry. Many are not aware of its scope nor function What follows is a brief report as presented by the Send the Light chairman, Randy Hardee of Kinston.

Send the Light Ministry

A Men's Ministries Project

September and October have been designated nationally as Send the Light months where our men contribute to send gospel literature and supplies to meet specific needs in areas overseas and in the United States. Exciting things are happening as God is using this program to reach countless thousands across the world.

This ministry is completely sponsored by Pentecostal Holiness men. Send the Light was started in 1992. The major purpose is to take the gospel to the world through the use of gospel literature. This ministry is funded entirely from the generosity of Pentecostal Holiness men through their giving. Each year sponsors give to the various projects both in the U.S. and abroad that are in tune with the Men's Ministries mission.

Send the Light has accomplished the following:

1992 - Overseas – New Testaments printed in Russia
U.S.A. – Gospel literature printed in Spanish

1993 - Overseas – Bibles and literature sent to Cuba
U.S.A. – Gospel literature for Hispanic Ministry

1994 - Overseas – Training materials sent to Singapore
U.S.A. – Helped fund Spanish "1st Things 1st Program for New Believers"

1995 - Overseas – Helped fund new church planting in Russia and the Ukraine
U.S.A. – Friendship Evangelism printed in Spanish

1996 - Overseas – East Europe support
U.S.A. – Men's Ministries Leadership Manual translated into Spanish

The requested annual contribution is only $5.00 per man (about the price of one meal). Of course anyone can contribute to the program and any amount.

Contributions should be mailed to Men's Ministries, P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 283053307 and earmarked "Send the Light."

CHANGES IN EVANGELISTS

At the Evangelism Board Meeting in September, Evangelist Deborah Williams met with the Board to discuss her future ministry. She has resigned as a Conference Evangelist. Below in her own words is her testimony of how God is leading her to broaden her ministry. Evangelist Williams has done an excellent job as Conference Evangelist. May the Lord continue to anoint her as she broadens her ministry.

"Ministry Transitions"

Dearest Partners, Friends,

For nearly a year, I've wrestled with stepping down from all my positions in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. That includes my titles as an "International Evangelist" with World Missions and as a **"Conference Evangelist"** for the North Carolina Conference. As a Conference Evangelist the Conference has helped me financially with a small "housing allowance" and paid my health premiums. As an International Evangelist I received compensation when I traveled overseas.

At last I've prayed my way to the place of relinquishment with absolute peace and assurance to embrace God's plan. I'll admit, launching out with no visible means of support is a little scary, but every step of the way I'm reminded of God's promises (some from years back). Over and over His Word has been, "I will open a door that no man can shut."

Please allow me to squash any possible rumors that inevitably circulate with changes in ministry positions. I want to announce **to all my Pastor friends, I am still holding revivals anywhere and everywhere.** Please don't forget me. I have definitely **NOT** left the denomination. I'm merely getting freed up to do whatever! ➤

"Ministry Transitions" (continued from page 7)

"Am I going to continue in missions and evangelism?" Most heartily! I've got more missions work than I can handle in my "backyard!" (Fayetteville is one of the top 10 most violent cities in America.) As for "overseas missions," God is pulling me back for a "season"; and if you've experienced God's "seasons," you'll understand why I haven't the foggiest idea how long that will be!

Well, on August 15, 1995, I was preparing to speak at a women's meeting when the Holy Spirit said, "You don't like women!" In an instant God dealt a death blow to something ugly that had hidden in me as far back as I could remember.

All my life I avoided women's groups because it meant talking about silly, unimportant issues. Of course that was a lie, but I had believed it for years. The truth was I didn't want to acknowledge their pain. To do so meant owning up to my own. I wept and repented having no thought that God was doing a miracle in me, and there was more to come.

The next day while traveling to the meeting, my intercessor friend I brought with me said, "Deborah, this morning I was praying, and God showed me you're going to have a tremendous ministry to women." Her words shook me. Suddenly I remembered attending another meeting two years before. The preacher stopped in his sermon, pointed his boney Prophet's finger at me and said, "God just showed me you're going to have a powerful ministry to women." Suddenly I relived the anger and the feeling of wanting to run out of the church. I had viewed it as a "belittling" of my ministry.

I related this to my friend that day with one of those odd "feelings" that my life was about to change forever. Almost overnight God birthed a desire in my spirit to minister to the hurts of women and teach them to rise up in God's power. Something I would have run from a week before was now igniting my heart with flesh fire.

"Clear Directions"

Months before the incident above, God brought two women, Esther and Fran, into the ministry who committed themselves to stand with me. They came in direct answer to my cries that God would send help. This past year has been a time of deep soul searching and preparation. For several months we've been praying together on Fridays, and God has already performed miracles. In December I started a women's Bible study, and it has increased to the point we are looking for a larger building.

God has moved upon a handfull of precious partners that are already sending me regular monthly support, yet they've known nothing about all this. As we three ladies have prayed, the vision has expanded and God is beginning to give clear directives. They are as follows:

1. HOLD ONE-AND TWO-DAY WOMEN'S CONFERENCES ANYWHERE POSSIBLE – CHURCHES, HOTELS & CIVIC CENTERS. (I've already held three.)
2. START A RADIO PROGRAM CALLED "THE LION'S ROAR" AND LEAD MY PEOPLE INTO SPIRITUAL WARFARE. (Presently working on a demo tape for the station.)

For months God has put a vision before me for a women's center – call it a retreat, a counseling or a training center. Its name is not as important as its function. It will be a peaceful place in a hectic world where abused women can come and someone will listen without judging them. They can receive spiritual counsel, be equipped to overcome and sent forth to make a difference in their world. It will be staffed by volunteer counselors and prayer warriors. (Already the women with whom I've shared the vision are wanting to help.) Esther and I will live there and operate it. There will be a counseling room, an office, a large meeting room and two or three spare bedrooms to be used for brief periods of time by women with deep spiritual needs.

God is about to bring forth a mighty move of His Spirit among women, and I want to do all I can to help that forward. The "women's retreat" must have a miracle. I have no money or expertise to build such a place, but I have a God Who is the Master Builder. Will you partner with me in prayer? If so, please **don't hesitate** to encourage me with your letters and phone calls. My home phone is: 910-423-9999.

OUR FIRST HISPANIC CONFERENCE HISPANIC EVANGELISTS

The Evangelism Board has appointed Rev. Antonio Ortiz as a Conference Hispanic Evangelist. Brother Ortiz is an excellent evangelist. He preaches in both Spanish and English as the need dictates. He also is helping start Hispanic churches in the Conference. May the Lord give him a great anointing and many souls.

OUT FIRST CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S EVANGELIST

Rev. Terry Whittenton, Dunn, N.C., has been appointed as the "first" Conference Children's Evangelist. Brother Whittenton has had an exceptional year in his evangelistic work. He has had over 200 conversions and 63 sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. He is a children's evangelist, but he certainly ministers to adults as well.

We welcome him aboard. May the Lord richly bless him and continue to anoint his ministry.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - July, 1996

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
NORTHWOOD TEMPLE	1680		618		630	425
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	609		271		366	307
KINSTON FIRST	615		258		321	261
THE FIRST	360		191			
TARBORO FIRST	214		184		185	156
THE CAPITAL	350		172		170	202
SHILOH WD	284	48	155	48	177	92
GREENVILLE FIRST	240		150		80	
STEDMAN	280		141		251	145
MT. CARMEL	335		138		180	119
BRENTWOOD	135		133		150	173
CULBRETH MEMORIAL	213	25	130	13	169	144
ROBERSONVILE	199		130		181	133
ST. PAULS	176	37	129	10	132	115
CHADBOURN	220		125		174	86
CLINTON	234		123		174	109
HARKERS ISLAND	131		118		65	66
WILSON FIRST	164		113		65	
BIZZELL GROVE	161	40	111	35	85	42
LUMBERTON	315	14	109	10	140	76
WILLIANSTON	168	12	108	14	149	91
WHITLEY	269		102		259	246
PENIEL	260		97		108	52
ST. PAUL	156		95		40	54
HARVEST TEMPLE	171	65	94	47	107	52
BELFAST	119		93		80	53
SMYRNA	106		90		101	62
WALLACE	227		86		67	73
LIVING FAITH FELL.	120		82		101	51
BENSON	167	48	81	21	140	98
BETHANY	155	5	80	16	109	48
EVANGELISTIC TEMPLE	210		77		140	84
HAMILTON	73		73			
BAYWOOD	111		72		60	45
EMMANUEL	97		72		60	51
GRAHAM MEMORIAL	100		71		54	45
ST. JOHN	131		68		34	49
NEW BERN FIRST	126		68		97	40
ROANOKE RAPIDS	260		66		35	22
ROPER	91		65		88	60
STANTONSBURG	108		64			
CARSON MEMORIAL	78		63		65	50
EASTSIDE	202		63			
HOLLANDS CHAPEL	65		61		30	20
TYNDALL GROVE	85		61		24	
REHOBOTH	139		61			
BROCKS CHAPEL	155		61		91	31
MOUNT OLIVE	90		60			
WILMINGTON	142		58		142	25
HOBGOOD	100		57			
MOORES CHAPEL	106		57		75	51
BRIDGETON	84		57		57	
AYDEN			55			
JACKSONVILLE	74		55		57	60
MIDWAY	141	31	54	21	81	50
MANLEYS GROVE	129		53			
ELIZABETHTOWN	70	11	53	16		
SANFORD FIRST	94		53		49	23
THOMPSON CHAPEL	104		52		59	34
CALVARY LD	31		52			
TAYLORS CHAPEL	130		52			
WESTVIEW	112		51		88	48
THUNDERSWAMP	91		50			
TRINITY RMD	90		50		55	37
THOMAS CHAPEL	127		49		66	31
KENLY	93		49			
MARANATHA	64		48		40	79

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS AVG.. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
SHARON	99		48		43	26
FAITH WD	60	57	48	189		
SELMA	55		46			
WINTERVILLE	95		46			
SPRING HOPE	62		46		56	53
EBENEZER	60		45		46	31
BOARDMAN	205		45		201	36
SCOTLAND NECK	53		45		32	28
TRINITY CD	130		44		50	30
BETHEL	86		44			
HODGES CHAPEL	82		43			
SHILOH FD	91		42			
ALBRITTON	74	20	42	20	43	22
TABERNACLE	75		41		62	32
AHOSKIE	104		40		59	35
RED SPRINGS	77		40			
FRIENDSHIP WD	88		40		52	39
NIAGARA	148		40		33	19
WESTMORELAND	124		39		74	33
HERITAGE	58		37		72	37
NEW VISION	57		37			
LIVING WATERS	73		36		89	23
LIBERTY	40		35			
SHELMERDINE	64		35		65	50
ABBOTTSBURG	47		35			
FRIENDSHIP NBD	45		34		20	20
SPRING OF LIVING WATER	42		34		36	26
VANCEBORO	33		33			
JONES GROVE	66		33			
ST. MATTHEW	73		32			
LYON MEMORIAL	85		31			0
LOWLAND	32		31		24	0
WELDON	66		31			
GARLAND	63		30			
VAUGHANS CHAPEL	50		29			
NEW COVENANT	45		29		30	21
SIMS	49		29			
INDEPENDENCE	57		28			
BAILEY	64		28		21	17
WADES POINT	52		28		29	4
FAITH GD	80		28		60	45
HOPEWELL	40		27		39	32
OAK RIDGE	64		27		28	13
ALLIANCE	42		26		44	
CLAYTON	44		25			
PLYMOUTH	63		24			
GRACE COMMUNITY	39		22		25	9
NEW HOPE	27		21			
GRIFTON	88		21		45	25
BLACK CREEK	55		19			
CRYSTAL COAST	36		17			
GOSPEL NET MINISTRIES	101		16		25	10
SONLIGHT	21		16		16	
VICKS CHAPEL	19		16			
SHEKINAH	41		15		17	15
ALERT	55		12			
WAKELON	17		10			
BELHAVEN	12		10			
NEW LIFE	27		9			
GOOSE CREEK	30		8		20	0
WINDSOR	13		8			
LIGHTHOUSE	11		5			
Total:	16590	413	8519	460	7959	5202
Average:	130	32	66	35	95	66
Count:	128		129		84	79

1997 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION
FALCON CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM

Falcon, North Carolina

SPECIAL YOUTH RALLY JANUARY 17,7:30 P.M.

Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dave Adams, President Lexington College & Visionary Youth Ministry Specialist

WORKSHOP LEADERS FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Rev. Paul Howell, Assistant General Superintendent & Church Education Ministries Director

Mrs. Cynthia Ulrich Tobias, Founder of Learning Styles Unlimited, Inc. & Best-selling author for *Focus on the Family*

Dr. Dave Adams, President Lexington College & Visionary Youth Ministry Specialist

---

Please detach and return to: Christian Education Department, P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342

REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH _____ DISTRICT _____

Please list Name & Address of Individual or contact person for group registration:

_____

Registering *by December 17*- $10.00 per person. List No. _____
Churches registering 8 or more *by December 17* will be $75.00 total. List No. _____

Registrations after December 17 will be $15.00 per person. List No. _____
Churches registering 8 or more after December 17 will be $85.00 total. List No. _____

Registration includes both Friday & Saturday events. Schedules for Saturday tracks will be mailed upon receipt of Registration.

(Please enclose a list of individual names for group registrations)

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

odicals postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
nd other additional
mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 51 | DECEMBER, 1996 | NUMBER 12

Merry Christmas
from the
North Carolina
Conference Board
and
Office Staff

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

The Meaning of Christmas

(This article speaks very vividly, and I trust it will be as great a blessing to *Evangel* subscribers as it has to me. Written by **Hoover Adams.**)

Christmas means different things to different people.

Christmas traditions and customs vary from household to household, from church to church, and from country to country.

The important thing is that we will observe in some appropriate manner, this most important birthday in all the long history of the world.

Many people have strong feelings about Christmas. And that is good, for we all need to have strong feelings about how we pay honor and glory and tribute to our Savior.

All of us agree that it is a time for expressing our love for each other, for exchanging gifts, for remembering the sick, the needy and the elderly, and for seeing that Santa Claus comes to see the children. All these things are important.

But some of the disagreements are not important.

There are those who shudder at the commercialization of the Christmas season. They say it is sacrilegious.

But isn't it great the whole world lights up at Christmas to honor Jesus Christ? That even in the commercialized shopping centers nearly all the sales of this season revolve, in one way or another, around Christ's birthday.

Sure, the merchants make money. But merchants have to earn a living just as the fishermen had to bring in a catch in Jesus' day. Is it really wrong? After all, there are many Christian merchants, and a lot of this money eventually finds its way back to the church and to the service of the Lord.

Sure, the newspapers and television sets are filled with Christmas ads. But every time the word Christmas appears, commercially or otherwise, that honors the name of the Master.

Good Friday is recognized as one of the holiest days of the year. But there is hardly any commercialization of Good Friday, so the day goes almost unnoticed except for church observances by the faithful few.

When we innaugurate a President, whenever a King is crowned, even when there is a royal wedding, consider all the commercialization and ballyhoo that surround it.

Isn't the birth of Christ even more important? And if all this commercialization does nothing but call attention to the birth of Christ, doesn't that make it really worthwhile?

Christ always reminds me of the greatest miracle of all time. He was born of humble parents. Though He owned the world, He had no earthly possessions.

Though He had no formal education, the world's greatest literature is filled with His saying. He left no musical compositions, but the greatest of all music pays tribute to Him.

His only building was in the simple carpentry of Nazareth, but architecture has achieved its greatest triumphs in the mighty temples and cathedrals erected to worship Him.

He founded no institutions, but the world is dotted with schools, hospitals, and orphanages dedicated to Him.

Today, the whole world counts time by a calendar that marks His birth.

This is the Christmas season. And if it takes a certain amount of commercialism to focus the spotlight on Him, the glory in His birth, then let it be. As far as I'm concerned, Christ deserves the biggest production of all.

Used by permission and copied from ***Daily Record*** *of Dunn, NC, December 23-24, 1993.*

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Birth Announcement

Calab Joel Glover
Son of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Glover

October 20, 1996
6 lb., 10 oz.
20 inches long

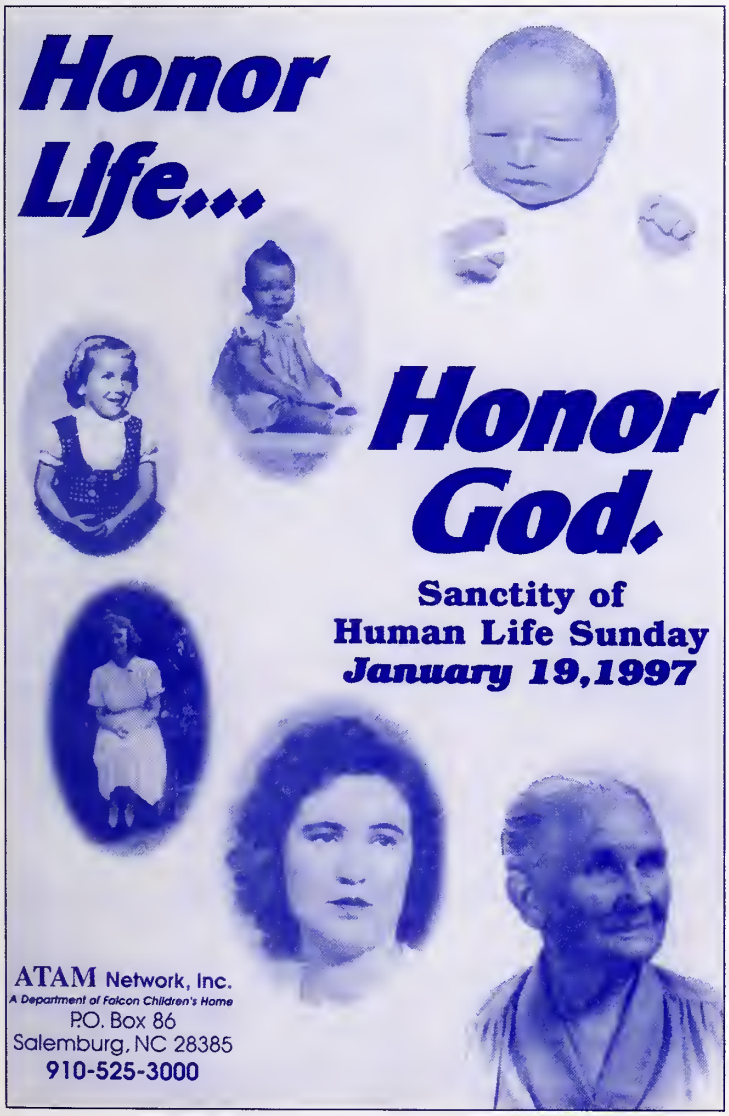
Brother of:
Gabrielle Nicole Glover

Grandson of:
Weldon and Kay Glover
Jack and Judy Steele

Superannuated Birthdays For December

Rev. Fannie Mae Jones ..... December 9
Rev. Norman Butts ..... December 13
Rev. Raymond Potter ..... December 18

Merry Christmas



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)

Mark your calendars and plan to join countless others in a time of prayer & reflection on the precious gift of life!

Sunday
January 19, 1997
Theme: "Honor Life, Honor God"'

Material will be mailed the last week of November to all pastors in the denomination.

"When a single child dies, we mourn; when 33 million die, the world turns its head."

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...

The Third Annual ATAM Net

PRAYER RETREAT

January 17-18, 1997

at

Kingsway P.H. Church
Myrtle Beach, S.C.

With Special Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Jewelle E. Stewart

A licensed minister & W.M. President of the Alpha Conference

* * * * * * * * * * *

This Year's Theme: ***"The Walk of Prayer"***

* * * * * * * * * * *

Session I will be Friday night, January 17 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Session II will begin Saturday morning January 18, at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 11:45 a.m.

The registration fee for the retreat is $10 per person, or $15 for two. For registration information, contact The ATAM Net Office at: 910-525-3000

For reservations, please call *The Red Roof Inn* (newly-renovated) at: 1-803-626-4444. The cost per room is $35.99 = tax (up to 4 people). The Confirmation Number is B232000190. *Please be sure* to inform the hotel operator that you are with the ATAM NEtwork Retreat.

"Sometimes They Cry" is the title of a song in which the writer deals with the subject of abortion. The lyrics speak of the abortionist and the aborted as people throwing people away and **garbage cans becoming mass graves.**

In the past 23 years 33,000,000 babies have been aborted or thrown away to become part of the mass garbage can graves. That is why **informed people** are rising to the challenge of making a difference for the unborn. ATAM Network is committed to providing an alternative to abortion, by helping to save babies and change lifestyles of young women.

What Nurse Brenda Pratt Shafer saw while assisting a doctor in a partial-birth abortion:

"I stood at the doctor's side and watched him perform a partial-birth abortion on a woman who was six months pregnant. The baby's heartbeat was clearly visible on the ultrasound screen. The doctor delivered the baby's body and arms, everything but his little head. The baby's body was moving. His little fingers were clasping together. He was kicking his feet. The doctor took a pair of scissors and inserted them into the back of the baby's head, and the baby's arms jerked out in a flinch, a startled reaction, like a baby does when he thinks that he might fall. Then the doctor opened the scissors up. Then he stuck the high-powered suction tube into the hole and sucked the baby's brains out. Now the baby was completely limp. I never went back to the clinic. But I am still haunted by the face of that little boy. It was the most perfect, angelic face I have ever seen."

National Right to Life News,
April 22, 1996

Human Life is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, including the unborn, the widowed, the mentally handicapped, the unattractive, the physically challenged, and every other condition in which humanness is expressed from conception to the grave.

Dr. James Dobson, **Focus on the Family,**
January 22, 1995

(The above statements should challenge everyone to action on behalf of the unborn. Scripture teaches that those of us who have spiritual life are commanded to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.)

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY, is dedicated to honoring life and honoring God.

January 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 96 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 FEBRUARY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28			1 Office Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		School of Evangelism – Charlotte		John Maxwell Seminar – Greensboro		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					CE Convention	
					ATAM Prayer Retreat	
19 Sanctity of Life	20	21	22	23	24	25 Royal Rangers ICS Falcon W.M. Leadership Training
26	27	28 Conference Board Meeting	29	30 Church Planter's Banquet	31	
		National Council: Asheville				

Printed by N. C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

February 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 MARCH 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31						1 National Council
2	3	4 Evangelism Board Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Bible Quiz Tournament
	Missions Meals					
16	17	18	19	20 Conference Board Meeting	21 Raleigh Talent Evangelistic Temple	22 Fayetteville Talent Northwood
	CWI – Falcon					
23	24 Williamston Talent Williamston First	25 Lumberton Talent Saint Pauls	26	27	28 Rocky Mount Talent Living Faith	
	Stewardship Seminar: Myrtle Beach					

March 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 APRIL 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30						1 Greenville, Morehead, New Bern, Wilmington Talent at Kinston First
2 Missions Faith Commitment Day	3	4	5	6 Missions Committee Meeting	7 Clinton Talent at Peniel	8 Goldsboro, Wilson Talent at Pikes Crossroads
9 W.M. Founders Day	10	11	12	13	14 W.M. Retreat Missions Quest-Falcon (Ho...	15
16 Missions Q...	17	18	19	20	21	22 WIN Training Falcon
23	24	25	26	27 Conference Board Meeting	28	29
30 Easter	31 Office Closed					

Printed by
N. C. Conference

Please Read
Mailings
Carefully In
Case Dates
Change

April 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2	3 RR NCE Tallahassee, FL	4	5 Conference Jr. Talent & Ranger of the Year Conference Finals
6 RR NCE Tall...	7	8	9	10	11	12 Conference Teen Talent & Ranger of the Year Conference Finals
13 GEMS DAY	14 Goldsboro & Wilson Districts District Conference-World...	15 Goldsboro & Greenville Districts	16	17 Clinton & Fayetteville Districts District Con...	18	19 Bible Quiz Tournament
20	21 Lumberton & Whiteville Districts District Conference-World...	22 Rocky Mount & Williamston Districts	23	24 Morehead & New Bern Districts District Con...	25 B/SA LTC	26
27 B/SA LTC	28	29 Evangelism Board Meeting	30	MAY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		

May 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		JUNE 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1 National Day of Prayer RR NTC–Camp Robinson–Manning, SC	2	3
4 RRNTC - C...	5	6	7	8	9 Ministers & Spouses Retreat	10
11	12 Local Church Computer Workshop – Evangelism Ministries	13	14	15 RR B/SATC – Beach Springs, S.C.	16	17 N.C. GEMS Convention – Falcon
18 Home Missions Sunday	19	20	21	22 Conference Board Meeting	23	24 Conference Bible Quiz Finals – Falcon
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

Printed by N. C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

June 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Conference Examining Committee for License	6 Conference Examining Committee for Ordination	7 W.M. Convention
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 SENIOR CAMP	16	17	18	19 Conference Board Meeting	20	21
22 JUNOR CAMP	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 PRIMARY CAMP	30		MAY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		JULY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

July 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1 PRIMARY CAMP	2	3	4 SORRY, WE'RE CLOSED Independence Day Office Closed	5
6	7	8 JLTC	9	10	11	12
13 Global Outreach Offering	14	15 Evangelism Board Meeting	16	17 Conference Board Meeting	18	19
20 Alternate Global Outreach Sunday CAMPMEETING	21	22	23	24	25 Annual Conference	26
27 CAMP MEETING	28	29	30 POW WOW Tuscarora	31	AUGUST 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

Printed by N. C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

August 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		SEPTEMBER 97 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1 POW WOW Tuscarora	2
3 National Talent – Kansas City	4	5 General WM Convention	6 General Men's Convention	7 General Conference – Kansas City	8	9
10 General Conference	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Conference Board Meeting	20	21 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	22	23
24 Piney Grove...	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Piney Grove Camp Meeting						

September 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 Goldsboro District Conference	3	4 Rocky Mount District Conference	5 Wilson District Conference	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 B/SA Field Day at Falcon
14	15 Lumberton District Conference	16 Morehead City District Conference	17	18 Clinton District Conference Conference Board Meeting	19 Regional Men's Ministries Retreat	20
21	22 Wilmington District Conference	23 Greenville District Conference	24	25 Evangelism Board Meeting Fayetteville District Conference	26 LTC at Falcon	27
28 LTC at Falcon	29 Raleigh District Conference	30 New Bern District Conference				

AUGUST 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

OCTOBER 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Printed by
N. C. Conference

Please Read
Mailings
Carefully In
Case Dates
Change

October 1997
N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Williamston District Conference RR NTT - Chatooga River Trail - Clayton, GA	3	4
5 RR NTT - C...	6 Feast of Ingathering	7 King Memorial Lectures	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18 Missions F.E.S.T. Falcon
19	20 Missions Mini-F.E.S.T.	21 Missions Mini-F.E.S.T.	22	23 RR ANTC - Greensboro, NC	24 GEMS LTC	25
26 RR ANTC - ...	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

NOVEMBER 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

November 1997

N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Election Day	5	6 Evangelism Board Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Conference Board Meeting	21	22
23	24	25 Harvest Train	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30						

District Evangelism Revitalization Meetings

Office Closed

OCTOBER 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

DECEMBER 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Printed by N. C. Conference

Please Read Mailings Carefully In Case Dates Change

December 1997

N.C. CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Missions Committee Meeting	5	6
7 Evangelists' Day	8	9 Conference All Boards Christmas Party	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19	20
21	22	23 Office Closing at 2:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Office Closed

NOVEMBER 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

JANUARY 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

What's in a name? Did you ever browse through one of those "name books" to explore the meaning of your name? When a baby is born, much thought is usually given to selecting just the right name. Perhaps that name will come from the name of a special person or have a special meaning.

Well, it was no different nearly two thousand years ago when a special baby was expected. God, the Father, chose a very special name for His Son; and He sent an angel to Joseph to announce that name: "...and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." An angel also announced to Mary, the baby's mother, that she would "bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

You see, God had a special plan for this special baby; and it was important that His name be special – for He was to be the Savior. From the beginning, God knew the perfect name for His Son. Seven hundred years before the angels aroused those drowsy shepherds, Isaiah had predicted the birth of this child. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah had identified Christ by five glorious names.

WONDERFUL...in the original means *the miracle.* Christ is a miracle beyond human understanding. God becoming incarnate as the Son of Man is a mystery. This baby of the manger is the super solution to the universal problem of sin. Christmas points us to the name given Him before His birth, the name the angel announced to Joseph – "for he shall save his people from their sins." There is no sin too great for this one called Wonderful.

COUNSELOR...one who brings counsel. Life may have brought you disappointment. You may be looking for someone to lift you out of depression. You can find a counselor in the baby of Bethlehem. He is concerned with YOU...not your money nor prestige...but with your soul that lives on after the things of this world crumble to dust. This counselor tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." That is to say, get right with God. This counselor is dependable; his counsel never fails. He is the way, the truth and the life and offers rest to all who will come unto Him.

THE MIGHTY GOD...the real, essential Christ of Christmas. He is the one who, from Bethlehem to Calvary, proved to be God in the flesh. The prophet Isaiah, in foretelling his birth, calls him "Immanuel" which means God with us. Why would God want to be with us? He wants to turn the night of sin into radiant day. So He sent Jesus. In the realities of our daily lives, through the trials and temptations, He is there to guide us, to uphold us, and to be our Savior now and forevermore.

THE EVERLASTING FATHER...everlasting...father...As long as mankind has existed, people have longed for something firm and enduring, but the greatest achievements rise today and fade tomorrow. But look at this child. He is the Pillar of the Ages, a changeless Christ for a changing world. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is our eternal Father.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE...The Christ of Christmas has made a peace treaty between heaven and earth that has been signed and sealed by His blood on the cross. Yet, there are those today who are still at war with God, still allied with the forces of sin. The peace that Christ, our Shiloh, offers is something that the world can never give. You will never know the joy of life until this peace is in your heart. As we join the wise men and follow His star, we find peace. As we allow Him to abide in the "inns" of our hearts, we find peace, sweet peace.

The Bible assigns many names to Jesus...I AM, LILY OF THE VALLEY, ROSE OF SHARON...on and on we could go. All His names denote power, for there is power in the name of Jesus. At His name, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is LORD. As you celebrate CHRISTmas this year, think on that name. JESUS CHRIST is the name above all names. Let us rejoice that God chose to send Him to us as the greatest gift of all.

Happy Hearts Meet...

Holt's Restaurant in Smithfield was bursting as the seams on October 14 when 126 Happy Hearts met there for their bi-annual meeting. They had come from all directions bringing with them Christmas stockings stuffed full of goodies to be sent to the Red Hook Mission in Brooklyn, NY. Blanche Pollard, Katherine Lucas and Daisy Morris do a great job with each of these meetings. Daisy gave the devotion for the meeting as follows:

Greetings to all of you Happy Hearts of the North Carolina Conference. One of many Biblical descriptions of a Happy Heart comes from II Kings 4:10... "Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither."

How beautiful (all 126 of you) who are gathered here representing more than fifty years with our missions, churches, prayer meetings and cottage services. You are a unit in the large circle who has given depth, foundation and establishment of buildings and lives in many of our churches.

I recall many times when the late W. Eddie Morris was in need for someone to take a little mission to heart. He would say, "I need a woman to fill that place!" What a compliment!! He marveled at the strengths of women – their dedication, their prayer lives, their boundless energy. And...that mission would become a church.

You served when the church was just an old storefront or a little building nestled on a lonely road. In addition to ordering the literature and feeding the preacher, you swept the floors, washed the windows, gathered a bouquet and fired the heater. Before you left, you knelt at the altar and prayed that a soul would come and get saved, through your willingness to be faithful in the little things. And now you are enjoying the fruits of your labor by seeing Sunday School rooms and a bricked church. Some of them have steeples to beckon a stranger to come in – not just for warmth from the heater, but for his soul to find the Lord. Some of those who have found the Lord, because of your faithfulness, are now serving as church leaders.

Many times we have prayed together, cried together, and laughed together. We have labored together for the betterment of God's work, and now we are celebrating together!!! Many of you are the spiritual flame which held things together. Some of you brought your husbands to salvation through faithful living. You sacrificed with joyful hearts. You heeded the command to bring yet another family member to Christ. Your gendered enthusiasm was nurtured into added strengths.

Lasting friendships will not fade away! Often when I dared not accompany Mr. Morris to your churches, some pastor's wife or laymen's wife would call long distance for me to come along and bring our four

children for dinner. WHAT A TREAT!! Yes, you are the HAPPY HEARTS!

Our meeting here today is just another milestone. Today we cannot go the miles, nor make as many cakes and pies, nor sell as many hot dogs, nor quilt the quilts, nor sit with the dying; but, we can feel good about many opportunities to render service. Happy Hearts, our work is not completely over!! The number one need is to **revitalize the prayer circle.** The number two need is to **intensify our praying for the lost members of our families and nurture them into becoming servants of the Lord.**

One other thought! Rev. Harvey Morris, a friend of many of you, is now residing in the Golden Years Home in Falcon. Since regularly visiting him, an awareness developed in me that some residents have no family connections nor special friends to make a day brighter with visits. Why not inquire of your local facility of such residents. Visit them and take along a piece of your homemade pound cake or a piece of fruit; pull up a chair and give them an opportunity to tell you about their grandchildren (an exercise of the virtue of patience). Don't worry about what to say for they have plenty of subjects, and they will bless you.

Above all else, you retirees, the HAPPY HEARTS, are still handmaidens of the Lord so long as our days may be. Keep spreading happiness from your heart. (Daisy J. Morris)

If your church is interested in knowing more about Happy Hearts, contact Blanche Pollard at 919-244-0829.

Mrs. Annie Mae Todd leads the way as women bring in 224 Christmas Stockings at Happy Hearts meeting.

Mothers For Prodigals...

Who are these women? Who are the prodigals? Do we know them?

The answer is yes! The women are ordinary mothers with an extraordinary love for their children, the prodigals. When all else seems to fail, these women still feel the heartbeat of a wayward son or daughter. Step inside the homes across our denomination and listen to the brokenness and observe the devastation as parents ask "Why?" Why my child? Why our family? Why are there no answers or solutions to the plague of rebellion, drugs, and perverted lifestyles? Why the children who have been taught Christian principles?

The winter season passes, but we remain in the winter of our lives. Will there ever be another springtime for our family? I was seeking for all the right answers when the Holy Spirit gave me direction. "Janie, if you will dare enter into a realm of high praise and worship unto me, I will answer your prayers." Things began to happen after I became willing and obedient to this challenge. Let me share the story with you.

In the town of Rocky Mount, NC, a black man received a vision in which he saw the face of a young white man and the truck belonging to him. Later, when he returned to his home in Greenville, he found in his yard the young man and truck he had seen in the vision. Later that night, as the black man slept, God revealed to him the past history of the young white man's life. He was awakened by the voice of God speaking to him, "If you don't go to this young man and tell him what I have shown you in this vision and dream, he will die tonight." In obedience, he found the young man and shared the revelation with him. It was on a Sunday night in May 1996 that the young man went to a tent revival service seeking for his parents and for help, maybe from a higher power. That young man was our son.

On the following Tuesday, I received and accepted a message from the Lord, "Janie, because you entered into the realm of high praise and worship, I spared your son's life on Sunday night and diverted plans for his funeral today." Continuing in this realm of praise and worship, I realized my son had entered into warfare. God revealed many things to me including darkness (sin and evil), lightning (demonic spirits) and a blob (my son's soul). He also showed me an arena of protection (a work and plan for my son). After I had seen these things in the spirit, I began ministering by phone to two other mothers of prodigals.

Throughout the course of that day, I kept seeing three pieces of charcoal. I talked to God, "God, I just don't understand this!" God's spirit said to me, "Janie, you see three pieces of charcoal, but I see three diamonds in the rough. End-time revival is coming. Prophesy it! It will begin with the youth. Drug and alcohol addicts will never be touched by ministers who can boast that they never drank a beer or smoked a cigarette. Your sons and daughters who have been taught my Word will be delivered and will be in the forefront of this revival." I paused, "But, oh God, how can you use our sons and daughters whose minds have been distorted by crack cocaine and so many other drugs?" His answer was, "Those who have never been there cannot relate to what these young people are doing or the perverted lifestyles they are living. For a season, you mothers must know I have assigned guardian angels to protect them. This will be a training period for your sons and daughters. This is a requirement in order for their ministries to be effective."

Mothers, I remind you God has promised to deliver our prodigal sons and daughters. The secret to the challenge is this – enter into praise for the promise given. Accept the promise, and worship the giver of the promise. What are the rewards for obedience? My personal life has been empowered. I am renewed and refreshed daily by my high realm of praise and worship. *I rise before dawn and cry for help. I hope in thy words. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night that I may meditate upon thy promise.* (Psalm 119:147-148)

Janie and her husband, Rev. Bobby Howard, pastor Winterville PH Church

Is this the end of the story? No! I hope to share that with you in another writing.

Janie Howard, Greenville
District WM Director

Christmas Tips...

- When stringing Christmas lights on outdoor trees or shrubs, attach the wires with spring type clothespins. They're easy to fasten and remove. You may want to spray paint them green to blend in with shrubbery.
- Bake your favorite pound cake in a bundt pan and turn it out on a large round platter. Place evergreen and holly around outer edge to give the effect of a wreath. You might even attach a red bow to cake with a toothpick.

****

The North Carolina Women's Ministries expresses sincere sympathy to the family and church of Mrs. Hazel Evans, secretary-treasurer of the Women's Ministries of the Selma Church. They are in our prayers.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelists' Day

Sunday, December 1st has been designated as Evangelists' Day within the North Carolina Conference. Each church and individual is asked to breathe a special prayer for these special men and women of God. They are vital to the cause of Christ and to the building of His Kingdom. They are a very Biblical part of the ministry leadership of the church – Ephesians 4:11.

In addition to special prayers, each individual and church is asked to contribute a special Christmas love offering for the evangelists. The offerings should be mailed to the N. C. Conference Evangelism Department, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342. The non-designated offerings will be divided between the Conference full-time evangelists. Offerings may be designated.

This year the Conference has had five Conference Evangelists. They are W. J. Forehand, Vera Griffin, Paul C. Jackson, Antonio Ortiz, Deborah Williams. On January 1, 1997, Rev. Terry Whittenton joins this talented and anointed group.

1996 Church Planting Report

This has been a special year of church planting within the N. C. Conference. Here is a brief summary.

4 ANGLO CHURCHES

- Church Alive Ministries (organized March, 1996) Goldsboro, Pastor Charles Gentry
- Emerald Isle (dropped)
- Global Outreach Ministry (to be organized December, 1996), Washington, Pastor Mark Swanner
  Community Chapel, Erwin, Pastor Sherrill Pope

HISPANIC

- Northwood Temple Hispanic, Leaders Miquel and Lydia Figueroa, Pastor John Hedgepeth
- Gospel Tabernacle, Leader Marcos Perez, Pastor King White
- Williamston Hispanic (District Church), Pastor Antonio Ortiz
- Farmville (La Roca), Pastor Manuel Casteneda
- Rocky Mount (La Roca), (to be organized December), Pastor Manuel Casteneda
- Evangelistic Temple Hispanic
- Tarboro (presently independent – pastor is member of Conference), Pastor Manuel Casteneda
- The Genesis, Wendell, Pastor Francisco Concepcion

Praise the Lord for these new outreaches. Thank the Lord for His blessings and leadership in the Hispanic Churches. In addition to the above, two other Hispanic churches are in place – Sanford Way of Holiness, Pastor Antonio Ortiz and Evangel Hispanic, Pastor Luis Manriquez. These began in 1995. The Lord is at work – Hallelujah! Below is a current list of our Hispanic ministers. May the Lord add to their numbers.

PRESENT HISPANIC MINISTERS

1. Luis Manriquez, New Bern
2. Antonio Ortiz, Robersonville
3. Miquel Figueroa, Fayetteville
4. Lydia Figueroa, Fayetteville
5. Patrick Figueroa, Emmanuel College
6. Francisco Concepcion, Wendell
7. Eddy Concepcion, Wendell
8. Manuel Castaneda, Tarboro
9. Jose Delvillar, Wendell
10. Rodolpho Olivio, Wendell

7-Star Recognition for Year 1996

Time is swiftly passing. The year 1996 will soon come to an end. Whatever is to be done for Christ must be done quickly. Whatever stars may be earned for Christ in World Missions must be earned quickly.

The 7-Star Recognition System of the N. C. Conference is a way to award special achievement in World Missions. It is also a way to encourage the development of a balanced world missions program for the local church.

Here is a brief review of the 7-Star System.

(continued on page 14)

7-Star Recognition (continued from page 13)

STAR #1

A church has a local missions director and/or participates in local missions promotional events – rallies, F.E.S.T., missions meal, etc.

STAR #2

Church receives monthly missions offerings and mails it in.

STAR #3

Church supports **a** missionary.

STAR #4

Church contributes to annual "GO" Offering.

STAR #5

Church contributes to People to People Program (preferably supports a People to People child).

STAR #6

Church or a member is a member of the Conference Church Planter's Fellowship **or** church contributes to church planting either on the mission field or within the U.S.A.

STAR #7

Church supports a special project in World Missions such as mug-a-month, church buildings, purchase of Bibles, refugees, etc.

THERE IS TIME FOR A CHURCH TO EARN ANY OR ALL OF THESE STARS.

Linwood and Nancy Berry

Our missionaries Linwood and Nancy Berry are home on furlough. They are residing at the Jackie Wilson Memorial Missions Home in Clinton, NC. They may be reached at 295 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC 28328 or telephone 910-592-1327. They are doing an excellent job in Spain. Following are selections of their recent report to the World Missions Department.

When we returned to the U.S.A. on furlough in 1992, we had 2 small churches; in Madrid a congregation of about 40-50 with average attendance of 35-40 and in Parla 25 members with average attendance of 15-20. As a "cell group church" we had 2 cell groups in Madrid and 1 in Parla.

Both congregations were meeting in rather small buildings; in Madrid we had 60 square meters and 40 in Parla. Although not without a struggle, both congregations were paying their own expenses which totaled around 80,000 pesetas a month (around $800.00).

We had no indigenous leadership at that time. A young missionary couple from the Brethren in Christ Church worked with us.

Our current membership in Madrid is around 130. We are averaging 85 in Sunday attendance even though Nancy and I are away from the church on furlough. The Parla congregation exceeds 70 and averages 60-65 on Sunday. Last Sunday there were 71 in attendance.

In July 1996 our Madrid congregation rented its third church building since 1992. It is 8 times larger than our first building with nearly 500 square meters of space. Besides the Madrid congregation, it houses our conference offices, the Mustard Seed Institute and soon, a new coffee house. The 180,000 pesetas ($1,800.00) a month rent is fully paid by the tithes and offerings of the Madrid congregation.

The Parla congregation has just this week signed a lease for a new building. It is 160 square meters and its 103,000 pesetas ($1,003.00) a month will be paid for by the Parla Church.

In 1992 we baptized 7 converts. So far this year, 1996, we have baptized 22, and there are 7 waiting to be baptized upon our return.

The Mustard Seed Institute has been the big project of our last term. It has been quite an experience and space does not permit me to express what it has been like. The idea that moves the MSI is to train people in church planting and help them plant the church.

We thank God for the initial support of the school offered by our brethren in the U.S.A. The building in which the school was housed was very old and frankly, a ruin. We did all of the remodeling work ourselves, and it took almost a year to complete. To save money, my family and I moved into the school where we shared the bathroom, kitchen, etc. with our students. We eventually rented out a couple of the rooms because we just did not have enough money to keep it going on its own. None of our full-time students ever had all their tuition money.

We would begin each month by depositing our full paycheck (after our tithe and missions commitment) in the MSI account; next we added the rent we collected from our boarders; then whatever our students could give, finally whatever support we received from the U.S.A. was thrown into the pot. Somehow, we made it, and God never failed us once.

But that's not a way to run a school over the long haul. We decided to set aside, at least for now, the community living part of the school and move the classroom to our new church building, still in the heart of downtown Madrid. We can rent an apartment for students if in the future we need live-in space.

We have graduated 10 students. And it is the acquision of quality students that I see as the key to a quality program. We have a program that will challenge, but we need people willing to embrace it. One problem is that to really benefit from the program, the student needs to be full-time in the school, and that means he needs around $350 a month support.

The Mustard Seed Institute is a key element in the development of these plans. Students will be trained as they plant the church. The key to releasing many of these church planters will be helping them to meet their minimum financial needs.

Nancy and I want to thank you for your support of us and the work in Spain. We know that we are loved and feel we are well cared for by the IPHC World Missions. We are happy to identify ourselves as Pentecostal Holiness Missionaries.

We love Spain and consider it an honor to serve the Lord and the IPHC in this beautiful country.

Individuals may support the Berrys or the Mustard Seed Institute. Offerings may be monthly or a one-time gift.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - September, 1996

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	647	----	630	445
Kinston First	617	----	257	----	321	292
Gospel Tabernacle	609	20	221	14	334	312
The First	360	----	182	----	----	----
The Capital	350	----	170	----	170	207
Tarboro First	214	----	167	----	185	162
Stedman	280	----	159	----	251	154
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	150	----	100	48
Greenville First	240	----	150	----	80	----
Shiloh WD	284	48	147	49	185	92
Mt. Carmel	335	----	145	----	180	115
Wilson First	164	----	127	----	65	75
Brentwood	135	----	127	----	150	176
Harkers Island	131	----	126	----	65	63
Robersonville	199	----	126	----	182	148
St. Pauls	176	15	124	15	132	115
Clinton	234	----	117	----	167	110
Chadbourn	220	----	116	----	174	105
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	112	10	169	142
Bizzell Grove	161	40	112	31	85	38
Lumberton	315	14	110	11	140	77
Smyrna	106	----	108	----	101	61
Peniel	260	----	106	----	108	64
Williamston	168	12	105	9	149	84
Millennium	178	37	99	37	90	46
Harvest Temple	171	65	96	47	107	57
Belfast	128	----	95	----	80	51
St. Paul	156	----	94	----	40	53
Bethany	155	5	91	22	109	50
Whitley	269	----	89	----	259	171
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	86	----	101	61
Benson	167	48	84	21	140	79
Graham Memorial	100	----	84	----	54	42
Wallace	227	----	80	----	67	49
New Bern First	126	----	79	----	97	46
Hamilton	73	----	73	----	----	----
St. John	131	----	72	----	34	45
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	71	----	140	80
Roper	88	----	70	----	85	66
Baywood	116	----	69	----	60	51
Brocks Chapel	155	----	67	----	91	42
Stantonsburg	180	----	66	----	----	----
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	66	----	35	40
Manleys Grove	132	----	63	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	128	----	61	----	----	----
Eastside	202	----	61	----	----	----
Rehoboth	139	----	61	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	61	----	142	25
Pikes Crossroads	188	----	60	----	145	38
Sharon	99	----	60	----	43	24
Mount Olive	90	----	59	----	----	----
Emmanuel	97	----	59	----	60	55
Elizabethtown	70	11	58	10	----	----
Moores Chapel	106	----	57	----	83	58
Hollands Chapel	65	----	57	----	30	25
Taylors Chapel	130	----	57	----	----	----
Thomas Chapel	127	----	56	----	66	36
Carson Memorial	78	----	56	----	65	42
Hobgood	100	----	56	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	85	----	55	----	24	----
Bridgeton	84	----	55	----	57	----
Trinity RMD	90	----	53	----	55	55
Ayden	----	----	52	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	52	----	88	55
Maranatha	69	----	50	----	40	79
Calvary LD	31	----	50	----	----	----
Thunderswamp	91	----	49	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	49	----	59	33
Sanford First	94	----	49	----	49	31

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS AVG.. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Hodges Chapel	91	----	48	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	53	----	47	----	32	29
Jacksonville	74	----	47	----	30	23
Winterville	95	----	47	----	----	----
Spring Hope	63	----	47	----	58	53
Ebenezer	61	----	46	----	46	33
Boardman	205	----	45	----	201	36
Faith WD	64	57	43	182	----	0
Midway	110	31	43	20	76	35
Kenly	92	----	42	----	----	----
Shiloh FD	91	----	42	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	40	----	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	40	----	50	29
Ahoskie	104	----	40	----	59	34
Westmoreland	124	----	39	----	76	32
Goshen	70	----	39	----	36	33
New Vision	57	----	38	----	----	----
Friendship WD	88	----	37	----	52	39
Aberdeen	80	----	37	----	75	21
Niagara	148	----	37	----	33	20
Tabernacle	75	----	36	----	62	23
Liberty	40	----	35	----	----	----
Heritage	57	----	34	----	72	41
Garland	63	----	34	----	----	----
Jones Grove	66	----	34	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	44	----	33	----	36	29
Shelmerdine	64	----	33	----	65	43
St. Matthew	73	----	32	----	----	----
Albritton	74	20	32	20	43	23
Living Waters	73	----	32	----	89	29
Bailey	64	----	32	----	21	20
Alliance	42	----	31	----	44	----
Weldon	66	----	30	----	----	----
Clayton	44	----	28	----	----	----
Independence	42	----	28	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	28	----	24	----
Selma	51	----	28	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	50	----	28	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	27	----	----	----
Hopewell	40	----	27	----	39	35
Vanceboro	31	----	27	----	----	----
New Covenant	45	----	26	----	28	18
Red Springs	77	----	26	----	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	23	----	25	9
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	22	----	45	18
Calvary Temple	42	----	22	----	----	----
Wades Point	52	----	21	----	29	4
New Hope	27	----	20	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	19	----	----	----
Grace Community	37	----	18	----	15	12
Black Creek	55	----	17	----	----	----
Alert	56	----	17	----	----	----
Plymouth	63	----	16	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	16	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	20	----	15	----	----	----
Shekinah	41	----	15	----	17	15
Wakelon	17	----	15	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	15	----	16	----
Belhaven	12	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	30	----	10	----	20	----
New Life	27	----	9	----	----	----
Windsor	13	----	7	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	4	----	----	----
Total:	17,446	448	8,779	498	8,232	5,406
Average:	132	30	66	33	96	64
Count:	132	----	133	----	86	85

1997 National Council

January 30-February 1, 1997

Registration Fee (Received by December 31, 1996)

Leader	$35.00
Spouse	$ 10.00
Total	$45.00

Registration (Received after December 31, 1996)

Leader	$50.00
Spouse	$ 10.00
Total	$60.00

Motel & Meals $100.00 (2 per room)

Includes lodging for Thursday and Friday evening. Six meals beginning Thursday evening through Saturday lunch, and the Silver Eagle Banquet. Children grades 1-6 $31.50; Preschool $21.50; Under age 2 $9.50.

Commander Ken Hunt, National Commander for the Assemblies of God will be our speaker at the Silver Eagle Banquet.

Special Regional break away sessions will be scheduled.

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Periodicals postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

C289.7
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | JANUARY 1997 | NUMBER 1

"Worthless Street People"

Pages 2 and 3

"...Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me."

"...'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?" Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me–you did it to me."

Matthew 25:34-40 *(The Message)*

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

"Brrr!" It is cold outside as I write today. The winter season is certainly upon us. In the cozy warmth of my office at the North Carolina Conference Resource Development Center I think of those less fortunate than me. In fact some are homeless to the extent they will be hard pressed to find a place of shelter tonight. I'm reminded of an article written by my friend, Dr. George Brackman, an ordained minister of this conference. Dr. Brackman is Director of Omni Counseling Services and Executive Director of the Wellons Foundation in Fayetteville, N. C.

I trust the following will be an inspiration to someone who reads in such an emphatic way as to thrust you into action.

Worthless Street People

On the corner of Broad Street and Main stands a woman laden with bags and bundles. She has no home. No friend joins her for an afternoon stroll. For hours each day she wanders through the streets carrying her belongings. The city folks have observed her for ten years but have never really seen her. It's as if she doesn't exist. **She exists alone. She is worthless.**

Back behind the gleaming lights of the steakhouse the cleaning crew puts garbage and trash in the large dark dumpsters. Hidden in the shadows, wrapped in a dingy blanket, a mentally deranged man waits until it is safe to look for food in the dumpster. His jaunts through town frighten little children. Even from a distance the adults feel unsafe around him. Everyone has a story to tell about his unusual actions. But no one really knows anything about him or really cares. He has no name except "the blanket man." **He walks alone. He is worthless.**

At sixteen Kenny had a homosexual lover. From this lover he contracted AIDS. At thirty-two he walks the streets with full-blown AIDS. Today, Kenny drags himself from agency to agency looking for help. For the third time he has pneumonia. The hospital sent him home when he had no home to go to. Through bouts of heavy coughing he explains to me how he is afraid to die. He cannot sleep for the nightmares. His nightmares do not cease in the morning. Even in the bright sunlight he still sees his friend dying with AIDS. In his horrific dreams he sees his friend suffer immense pain. Finally the dream ends when he reaches over to pick up the stiff, emaciated body of his dead friend from off the couch.

"I can't bear the thought of having to suffer like him. I'm afraid to die," he fearfully reports to me. The AIDS clinic has an opening for him in six weeks. **He dies alone. He is worthless.**

Their marriage of six years has been a living hell. She begins, "My husband gets high on crack every Friday night. He becomes uncontrollable. Windows are knocked out, and he beats me up. We are now living on the streets. **No money. No home. Nothing!"**

"Everything she says is true," is his somewhat humble response. "I spend all my paycheck on drugs. Now, we are out on the streets." **They live in hell alone. They are worthless.**

OR ARE THEY?

"For when we were yet without strength, In due time Christ died for the ungodly."

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man some would even dare to die: But God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:6-8.

HOMELESS MYTHS

1. All homeless people are lazy.
2. All homeless people don't care about anything.
3. Homeless people aren't interested in spiritual matters.
4. All homeless people are drug addicts or alcoholics.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

5. Homeless people are dangerous.

6. Homeless people want to be homeless.

FACT: All homeless people are different. They must be worked with one-by-one. Jesus Christ died for the homeless. Jesus came to preach the Gospel to the Poor.

HOMELESS PEOPLE NEED WHAT?

"You adopted who?" my wife and mother of our three children asked. She had changed diapers, gone without sleep taking care of sick children, washed tons of laundry, cooked hundreds of meals, and washed truckloads of dirty dishes for more than twenty years. With one son already married and two teenagers on their way to taking care of themselves, she wasn't eager to begin a new family.

"I adopted a homeless man," I replied with the emphasis on man. "Does he have to live with us?" was her next question. "No, darling. He just needed someone to manage his finances. He has the mind of a seven-year-old child and is not able to make good decisions. The disability check he gets each month never seems to help him meet his needs. Someone always takes advantage of his naivety. Well, I just sort of adopted him to protect him."

Ricky [not his real name] and a Uhaul truck load of his collectibles were brought to Fayetteville a few months ago. Someone paid a man to load his belongings [pieces of boards, metal sheet fragments, old pots and pans, old clothes and hundreds of junk items] and Ricky into a truck for a 500-mile trip to Fayetteville. Once here he found a temporary home at a homeless center. For a while he stayed there, but most of the time he just wandered the streets picking up discarded items from the street.

Since I adopted him by becoming his social security payee, I have been able to put him in an apartment where he can sleep on a bed and not on the sidewalk. To become his social security payee I had to go to Social Services with him and have him sign his monthly check over to me. Each month I pay his bills and manage his money for him. After the rent and utilities are paid, there is a little money left over for food. He still eats at the various homeless food centers because he does not have enough money to buy food for the entire month. Ricky will always have the mind of child, but at least his basic needs are met. Or are they?

My wife's thoughts confirmed what I felt. She recognized that there was something very important missing from Ricky's life. "Ricky is a child in a man's body. He has a house, but not a home. He has shelter from the rain, but not shelter from his loneliness. Every child needs a loving family."

I knew then what I had to do. I had to love Ricky like a son. He and I had to be like family. This son was older than me. His skin stays stained with suntanned dirt and perspiration. Unlike my other sons, he does not bathe for weeks. His clothes retain the scent of weeks of sweat. But, he needs love. All boys growing up need love.

The next day Ricky came to my office asking for more money. My sons always came to me when they needed money. Before I handed over five dollars, I explained to him, "If I am going to help you with your money, you will have to give me a hug."

Pretending that he didn't want to hug me, he said, "Ahhh, Gee-orgee." He stood perfectly still as I walked over and put my arms around him.

Dramatically I hugged him. A broad sheepish smile flooded his face as he once again said, "Ahhh, Gee-orgee!"

INTERVIEW OF A STREET PERSON

Almost every day James [not his real name] comes and sits in our coffee House on Hay Street. Although I had talked with him many times, I didn't know very much about him. Here are some of the events in his life.

Three months ago James was living in Alexandria, Virginia. Since the winters were cold and it took all of his Social Security disability check to live, he just decided to go south. On one of his trips to this area, he stopped in Fayetteville. He liked it here and decided to stay.

Before moving to Fayetteville, he had lived in New York, Baltimore, Trenton [New Jersey], and Alexandria.

His mother and step-father are still living in New York state. He hasn't seen them in years. But he told me, "I am happy that I came to North Carolina."

When he was sixteen, he quit the ninth grade. For several years he worked as a messenger boy in a large department store.

Now that our caseworkers have found him an apartment, he likes to go home and heat up cans of Ravioli and vegetables. One of his greatest desires is to go to Cross Creek Mall and shop.

James has been a street person because he does not have the mental faculties that are needed to have a job and to take care of himself. He is not on drugs or alcohol. Yet, his pleasant smile and easy manner make him a nice man to be around.

Since he is so mild mannered, we fear that others will steal his money or hurt him. There are always street people like James who are unable to handle the responsibilities of life.

Agencies like the Center of Restoration become important for these street people. Without the daily advice, care, and safety the center provides, street people and homeless people must walk the streets of his city in fear.

Omni Counseling Service

534 Hay Street

Fayetteville, NC 28301

Phone: 1-910-677-0355

Fax: 1-910-677-0265

CHURCH NEWS

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)

Mark your calendars and plan to join countless others in a time of prayer & reflection on the precious gift of life!

Sunday
January 19, 1997
Theme: "Honor Life, Honor God"

Material will be mailed the last week of November to all pastors in the denomination.

"When a single child dies, we mourn; when 33 million die, the world turns its head."

New Facility Chadbourn Church

Inside Sanctuary Chadbourn Church

Dedication Day At The Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church

November 3, 1996, was a day of great thanksgiving at the Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church. This day marked the culmination of 2 1/2 years of construction on our Lord's new church facility.

What a great God we serve! With parking now available for three hundred plus cars and a beautiful sanctuary that will seat over 400, God has equipped us to move forward in ministry, and forward we have been going.

In the last four years, under the creative, steadfast and spiritual leadership of Pastor Jim Skinner and the church board, God has blessed His church with 100% growth in attendance in the Sunday School and Morning Worship and given the space to do it again in the coming years.

In this dedication day service we celebrated the goodness of our Great God, for His past blessing and privilege of service, but more than that for His future blessing and opportunity of ministry.

There's no way to put into words this wonderful service, but in brief, our N. C. Conference Superintendent, Rev. T. Elwood Long in his usual energetic motivational way, addressed the congregation stressing six foundations of the church building, with the central theme of Jesus Christ, being the Builder of His Church.

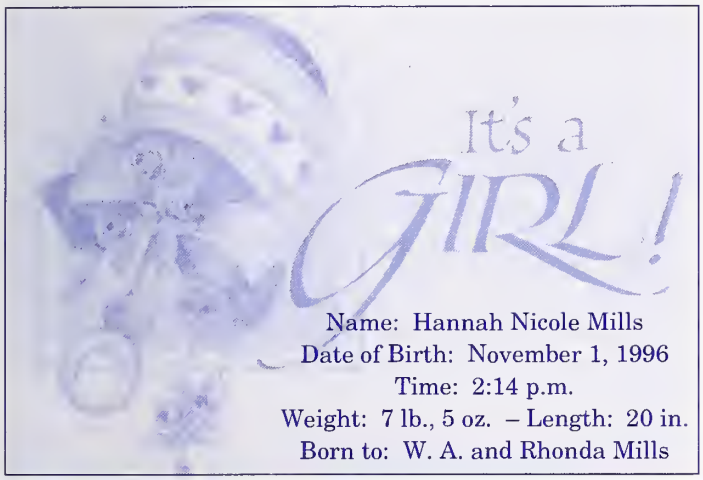
Former pastors, Rev. Joe Russell, and Rev. Conrad Hall, participated in the service in prayers as Brother Long led the congregation in the Litany of Dedication.

Pastor Skinner gave praise to God, while presenting plaques of appreciation to various individuals for their contributions to the Lord's work. Among them were Ernest Cheshire [son of the late A. P. Cheshire] both charter members, for 44 years of dedicated service to the Lord's work, and to Earl Barnes for his diligent hard work in the construction of the new church building.

The pastor then concluded his remarks, expressing thankfulness and appreciation for the church's past, charter members, former pastors, past saints, as well as the church present, with emphasis on the future, calling attention to the fact that God has equipped us for a greater ministry. One that we will be accountable for, and one that requires our best, Excellence in Ministry.

Superannuated Birthdays for January

Rev. Daisy Morris ..... January 2
Rev. Ruth Heath ..... January 4
Rev. Raleigh Horton ..... January 22
Rev. James McCandless ..... January 22
Rev. J. Russell Clark ..... January 25
Rev. Jack Jayroe ..... January 29



Name: Hannah Nicole Mills
Date of Birth: November 1, 1996
Time: 2:14 p.m.
Weight: 7 lb., 5 oz. – Length: 20 in.
Born to: W. A. and Rhonda Mills

The 66th Annual Christian Worker's Institute

February 17-19, 1997

Culbreth Memorial P.H. Church

Falcon

Rev. Donald Duncan, speaker

Sponsored by North Carolina COnference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Limited rooms are available. Call early to reserve a room.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

A Letter of Thanks to the Men of the North Carolina Conference

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Congratulations! Yes, congratulations to you, the men of the N. C. Conference on another successful year of reaching the world for Christ.

As a result of your faithfulness and untiring ministry, your pastors have been encouraged, your churches invigorated, and lives have been changed for the glory of God.

I cannot thank you enough for all that you, in the power of the Holy Spirit, have accomplished in 1996 under the banner of Men's Ministries. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of so many of your ministry activities.

You sponsored Resurrection Breakfasts, District Men's Ministries' Banquets, Father-Son Banquets, and Men's Ministries' Sundays. You attended Promise Keepers Rallies, Regional Training Rallies, Christian Education Conventions, Leadership Seminars, Harvest Train, and Friendship Evangelism Training Sessions.

Your Men of Action Disaster Relief Teams mobilized to help North Carolina recover from Hurricane Fran and you financially supported a re-roofing project at the Falcon Children's Home. You worked hard to raise funds for your church's various ministries, and you helped the Royal Rangers in so many ways, including operating the concessions for the annual Pow Wow

Pastors, thank you for recognizing the great value of having your men organized, trained and equipped for reaching your community for Christ. A special thanks to those pastors who supported the chartering of your Men's Ministries group in 1996.

Looking ahead to 1997, our goal is to have a Men's Ministries group in every one of our churches. I encourage any church who has not yet started your men's group to do so right now. Let's make 1997 the best year ever for Men's Ministries.

Yours in Christ,
Phillip Mooring, Director
Men's Ministries Department

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

RING OUT THE OLD!! RING IN THE NEW!! Yes, here it is a brand new year. We never know what the new year will hold for us.

As I look back over 1996, I am very thankful for the many new opportunities that were afforded me. Many of you invited me into your churches and homes where I was able to meet new friends. Our board held the first NCWM Presidents Council meeting where we got new ideas and valuable input from local WM leaders. We have had "new" ladies come into the various roles of local and district leadership during the year. Every day has offered something different and challenging in the work of Women's Ministries.

When I look forward to the new year, I think of new beginnings. In our family, December 1996 was a very exciting time as we made preparation for the wedding of our oldest son, Scott. Scott and Sherri were both so excited at the experience of planning for a new life together as husband and wife. The showers and parties that preceded the wedding added much to the anticipation of the big day. The ceremony of marriage was a new beginning for them; but it also was a new beginning for me. I am now a mother-in-law. I see that as a very important role. I hope to be to Sherri the same influence that Naomi was to Ruth. This is a new door that has opened to me.

I look back to November 1996 when I was re-elected to the Craven County Board of Education. After having served one term on the board, I felt that my mission had not quite been completed there. I feel very strongly about the importance of public schools. Although there is much negative propaganda disbursed regarding the schools, this is the place where Christians are needed in the role of educators and leaders. After all, lifestyle and example are such important factors when displayed daily before our young people. So, I see another term as a board member as another new opportunity of service to my fellowman in the way of civic duty.

During the past few months, our church family has undergone a crisis period. We have just been assigned a new pastor. As a leader in my church, these next few months will be crucial in establishing a good working relationship with my new pastor and his family. I look forward to the fresh ideas and experiences this will offer us. Here, too, is a new challenge.

Each of you could relate similar areas of your life whereby God has granted avenues of service for you. So, you see, as we look to 1997, God has set before us open doors. As we look at the year ahead, may we walk boldly through each door of ministry that God places in our paths. New beginnings are golden opportunities for each of us.

When I think back on Scott and Sherri's wedding and the months of planning and preparation it took for that one special day, I am reminded that plans and preparation are underway in Heaven for a very special day. The day that Christ comes back to earth to receive His bride will truly be a new beginning. Heaven and earth shall pass away. All things will be new. When we think of the joy of that occasion, we cry out along with John, the Revelator, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." ARE WE READY FOR GOD TO RING OUT THE OLD AND RING IN THE NEW??

Gail Says...

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday subsides and I pause to take a deep breath, I reminisce over the past year as Wilson District Director. God has truly blessed my life in ways too numerous to tell. One sure blessing has been the opportunity to work and fellowship with the dear ladies of our district. In the past year, I have had the pleasure of getting to know them and learn of their God-given talents. Each lady is so giving with her talent, whether volunteering at the pregnancy center, on the road singing or at home cooking a meal for the sick or bereaved. God has so carefully planted a talent within each of us, and no talent is ever so small that the Lord doesn't see it. Do you remember the account of the man who hid his talent? Are you hiding yours, or are you willingly giving of your time and talent?

During my first year as a local WM president, God really spoke to my heart and put a love for all the ladies of our church there, especially for the senior citizens. Another blessing of my year has been spending time with senior citizen ladies of our church. They are "Happy Hearts" indeed! A "Ladies Day Out" was started for the senior citizen ladies and other ladies who might not be able to attend our regular WM meeting for

various reasons. Over the North Carolina Conference, there are ladies who feel as if they have done their time within the church and then age takes hold on them and nobody cares. Well, let me tell you, these ladies make me feel like the aged one at times. Mrs. Annie Lamm, for example, is always wearing a smile, never has a negative word, has her cane or walker by her side and is always ready to go. Mrs. Clyde Nichols is so enthusiastic and so willing to give of her sewing talent any way she can. Mrs. Allie Lamm is always willing to make that special chicken pastry or chop those onions. These are just a few of the ladies who have taught me so much. They prove to me that our time of service does not have a time limit. We are God's children from the day we are born again until the day we die.

These ladies are very special individuals. They all want to feel special, as we all do, and are often apologetic because they can't do all the things they used to do or attend all the functions they did in the past. Now it is time for us to give to them in return for what they have given to others for so long. I challenge each local WM president or group to take those special ladies in your church out to lunch, on a shopping trip, or to visit the sick on a regular basis. If you want to have some real fun, take a senior citizen out.

My year has been abundantly blessed by both old friends and the new ones I have acquired. We have shared laughter and tears, but that is what true friends are for. Examine your own life today. What is your talent? How willing are you to use it?

Submitted by Gail Davis, Wilson District WM Director

(Gail Davis is a native of Wilson and is the wife of Stanley Davis. They have two children. Gail is a member of the Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church, where she presently serves as the local Women's Ministries President, church musician and ATAM Net Board Member.)

General WM Report...

In a letter received from Doris Moore, Executive Director of Women's Ministries, several items were included which will be of interest to all WM members.

* The title of the General Women's Ministries President has been changed to Executive Director of Women's Ministries; Conference Women's Ministries President to Conference Director of Women's Ministries; and Local Women's Ministries President to Local Director of Women's Ministries. This title change became effective in October 1996.
* The General WM Convention will be held on August 5 & 6, 1997. The theme will be *Celebrate New Beginnings.* Election of new general WM officials will be held at this convention. Each local church may be represented by the Local Director of Women's Ministries, an elected WM delegate and the pastor's wife. (Expenses for these representatives will be paid by the local church or WM.) Each church is encouraged to send a delegation to participate in these very important election and workshop sessions.
* Because YOU gave to the 1996 Agnes Robinson Missions Offering, our missionaries all over the world were blessed. $700 went to each missionary couple; $50 to each child; $400 to each single. In addition, $250 went to each retired missionary couple and $200 to each retired single. Evangelism Field and Urban directors received $100 per couple. Thank you for sending Christmas blessings around the world.

Ministers' Wives Fellowship To Meet...

The North Carolina Conference Ministers' Wives Fellowship will meet during the week of Christian Worker's Institute on Tuesday, February 18th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Kym Wallace is the guest speaker and will be presenting workshops on stress management and coping with change. The meeting will be held at the Cafeteria/Training Center Building in Falcon. There will be skits, door prizes and fun. A special dutch luncheon is planned for husbands and wives. Ministers' wives who plan to attend are asked to make reservations by calling Mrs. Sylvia Long, MWF Director, at 910-980-1537. This promises to be a special opportunity for ministers' wives to learn and fellowship.

Leadership Seminar...

THEME: 4-H's of Leadership: Heart... Hands... Health... Head

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 1997

TIME: Registration begins 8 a.m. Workshops 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

PLACE: Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1901 Sunset Avenue, Clinton, NC

COST: $7/person (Pre-register: Patsy Deese, 1303 Cedarwood Village, Morehead City, NC 28557)

NCWM Retreat

The 1997 NCWM Retreat is planned for March 14 and 15 at Northwood Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church in Fayetteville, NC. Marilyn Meberg is featured speaker. In addition, the music/drama department of Northwood will present ministry as well. Hotel reservations may be made through Holiday Inn Fayetteville I-985 by calling 910-323-1600. Both king and double rooms are available at $58 plus tax.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Church Planter's Appreciation Banquet

January 30, 1997 – 7:00 p.m.
Conference Training Center
Falcon, NC

Each year the Conference Evangelism Ministries hosts an appreciation banquet (or banquets) in January. The purpose of the meeting is to say thank you to the Evangelism, Conference, and District Staffs for their work for the previous year and to cast vision for the new year. This year this special gathering will also include the members of the Conference Church Planter's Fellowship.

This special dinner will be held at the new Conference Training Center/Cafeteria. Rev. Antonio Ortiz, Conference Hispanic Evangelist, will give a short message. Special recognitions will be given to the new churches for 1996. The Program of Work for 1997 will also be distributed. Todate there have been twelve new church start-ups in 1996 – three Anglo and nine Hispanic.

Special Note:

The Church Planter's Fellowship is made up of individuals and churches within the Conference who actively support Conference Church Planting. Commitments are made for consistent prayer support and financial subsidy. Praise the Lord for these extra-mile supporters.

Spanish Classes

The Conference Evangelism Ministries will be sponsoring Spanish classes beginning in March. Classes will be taught in Greenville, Fuquay-Varina, Lumberton, and Falcon. The Evangel Church will have one of their own teaching at their church. The public is invited.

Rev. John Parker will be teaching the classes in Greenville, Lumberton, and Falcon. Tentative plans are for classes to be taught the weeks of March 10, 24, and 31. Two to three additional classes will be taught in April and/or May. Classes will meet once per week for five to six times. The focus of the material will be on conversational Spanish. A small registration fee will be charged (to be announced later).

The Lumberton class will be on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00/9:30 p.m. The Falcon class will be held at the Conference Office from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Greenville class will be on Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00/9:30 p.m. Locations for Lumberton and Greenville have not been selected.

Those interested in signing up should contact Evangelism Secretary Rose Nelson.

Conference Revitalization Forum

This monthly meeting of pastors and lay leaders is in its third year. The focus of each meeting is for prayer and discussion of key issues that relate to revival and church revitalization. The dates for the spring meetings are:

January 9 – 10 – Winston-Salem, John Maxwell
February 6
March 13
April 3
May 19
June 17

Brother Thompson is the instructor along with special speakers who are brought in.

1997 Training Events

Hispanic Training

Each month the Evangelism Ministries will be offering special classes to the Conference Hispanic Ministries. These will be in Spanish. The first is January 15, Conference Training Center. The class will be on the *Church Manual*. Rev. John Parker is the instructor.

Local Church Computer Workshops

N.E.T. Director Joe Iaquinta will be in the Conference for a week of workshops – May 12-17. Joe will be introducing the new church software package developed by the denomination. Workshops will be two hours in length and will be strategically placed across the conference.

District Revitalization Meetings

A week of special area/district revitalization meetings will be held November 3-7, 1997. These will follow the same format as those in 1996. Doyle Marley will be one speaker. The other speaker is yet to be announced.

WORLD MISSIONS UPDATE

NEW MISSIONARIES

The Lord has called two of our very own ministers to be missionaries. On Saturday, November 23, in Oklahoma City, Rose Boyd and Timothy Bowen were approved as missionaries. They begin their itineration immediately. Praise the Lord for the working of His Spirit and the obedience of His people.

Rose Boyd

Rose Boyd

Rev. Boyd has been the Minister of Christian Education at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn for the last seventeen years. She also serves as the Assistant Christian Education Director of the N. C. Conference. She is highly respected as a minister and well liked in the N. C. Conference.

Rose has felt the call to "assist the Foreign Missionary in equipping the National Pastor and Layworker in practical skills and systematic leadership training in the developing of the various ministries of Christian Education on the foreign fields." Her job description and location of ministry are presently being worked out by the World Missions Staff. She hopes to get to the field by the end of 1997. She begins her active itineration in January. She may be reached at 903-A Friendly Road, Dunn, N.C. 28334 – or telephone 910-892-6598.

She is a graduate of Holmes College of the Bible and has successfully completed some over 40 different conferences/seminars in Christian Education, child/youth ministries. Her ministry has already taken her on three missionary journeys.

Pastors, please consider getting Rose on your missionary schedule for 1997. She is highly recommended.

Timothy Bowen

Timothy Bowen is a minister of the N. C. Conference. He presently serves as Evangelism Director at the Bethany Church, Williamston. In addition he is an active evangelist within the Conference

Timothy Bowen

Tim is an excellent speaker and has a burden for missions. He graduated from Holmes College of the Bible in 1996. He has already served on two missions ministry trips.

His burden and call is to assist missionary Joe Delport in ministering in Mozambique and Zimbabwe. He has already ministered in these areas. His desire would be to get to the field by the end of 1997. I highly recommend Timothy Bowen as a missionary candidate and as a speaker. He may be reached at 1841 Price Road, Williamston, N. C. 27892 – or telephone 919-792-3839.

Missionaries David & Twila Sasser

N. C. Conference Missionaries David and Twila Sasser are getting very close now to having their support raised for Zambia. They are presently in Oregon for the holidays. They may be reached at 503-393-5654. They will be back in the Conference to finish their itineration in late January. It is their desire to get to the field in late Spring.

Missionaries David & Cheri Arthur

David and Cheri are doing well, but still are much in need of prayer. They are undergoing counseling and training at the Wycliffe Center near Charlotte. They may be reached at P.O. Box 248, Waxhaw, N. C. 28173.

Missionaries L. J. and Peggy Wood

The Woods are very close to leaving for the Philippines. They need to raise about $500.00 more/ month. They hope to leave by late spring. It has been great to have them at the missionary house in Falcon – 910-980-1419.

Missionaries Linwood & Nancy Berry

Linwood and Nancy are home on furlough. They are extremely busy visiting churches and ministering. They may be reached at the Jackie Wilson Missions Home in Clinton – 910-592-1327. They will be home through the spring.

Missionaries Rick & Debbie Brewster

Rick and Debbie are home on furlough. They will be itinerating and ministering in the Conference this spring. They will be staying some at Falcon. They may be reached at 904-767-7759 (Florida).

Missionaries Phillip and Gaila List

The Lists will be coming home in April for furlough. They will either stay in the Clinton Missions Home or the one in Falcon.

ANNUAL MISSIONS MEALS

The week of World Missions Meals for ministers and local directors (and spouses) is scheduled for February 10-14. The locations will be announced shortly.

N. C. CONFERENCE "GO" GOAL

The goal for the 1997 Conference "GO" Offering has been set by the missions committee at $185,000.00. **NOW** is the time to set your goal and begin to work.

ATTENTION PASTORS AND LOCAL DIRECTORS

Be sure to get your survey sheets in immediately. We are in the process of calculating who gets what stars for 1996. It is not too late to earn a star.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - October, 1996

	SS Enroll ment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enroll ment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	679	0	630	598
Kinston First	622	----	265	0	321	258
Gospel Tabernacle	266	20	235	18	375	212
The First	360	----	198	0	----	----
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	187	0	100	69
Stedman	280	----	180	0	251	159
The Capital	350	----	176	0	170	192
Tarboro First	214	25	162	33	185	148
Shiloh WD	284	45	153	45	185	88
Mt. Carmel	355	----	142	0	180	112
Chadbourn	220	----	139	0	174	106
St. Pauls	176	37	133	15	132	119
Brentwood	135	----	127	0	150	174
Wilson First	164	----	124	----	65	72
Harkers Island	131	----	124	0	65	62
Robersonville	200	----	121	0	182	137
Clinton	255	----	118	0	167	109
Lumberton	322	14	117	12	140	72
Bizzell Grove	161	40	111	38	85	42
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	110	18	169	111
Williamston	168	12	110	11	20	17
Peniel	260	----	107	0	108	52
Millennium	178	----	105	0	90	55
Wallace	227	----	97	0	67	54
Harvest Temple	171	65	97	47	107	57
Smyrna	106	----	94	0	101	56
Graham Memorial	100	----	93	0	54	48
Benson	167	48	90	21	140	107
Belfast	118	----	89	0	89	51
St. Paul	156	----	86	0	40	----
Whitley	269	----	85	0	271	270
Living Faith Fell.	120	----	84	0	101	61
Bethany	155	5	82	22	109	45
Baywood	117	----	80	----	60	50
Maranatha	75	----	77	----	45	101
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	75	0	140	----
Roper	88	----	74	0	85	62
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	72	0	35	40
St. John	131	----	71	0	34	42
Pikes Crossroads	188	----	70	0	144	44
Rehoboth	139	----	69	0	----	----
Manleys Grove	131	----	68	0	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	66	0	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	65	0	50	37
New Bern First	126	----	65	----	97	43
Hollands Chapel	65	----	64	0	30	28
Midway	110	31	64	22	78	41
Emmanuel	97	----	61	0	60	55
Thomas Chapel	118	----	60	0	66	30
Moores Chapel	106	----	58	0	83	52
Sharon	99	----	58	0	43	27
Westview	112	----	57	0	88	51
Mount Olive	90	----	57	----	----	----
Ayden	----	----	56	0	----	----
Boardman	205	----	56	0	201	17
Trinity RMD	90	----	56	0	53	----
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	55	0	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	54	0	59	30
Sanford First	94	----	53	0	49	32

	SS Enroll ment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enroll ment	Avg. Att.
Brocks Chapel	155	----	51	0	91	48
Wilmington	142	----	51	0	142	34
Winterville	95	----	51	0	----	----
Spring Hope	64	----	50	0	59	60
Tyndall Grove	85	----	50	0	15	15
Hobgood	100	----	50	0	----	----
Eastside	202	----	49	----	----	----
Thunderswamp	89	----	49	0	----	----
Bridgeton	84	----	48	0	----	----
Taylors Chapel	130	----	47	0	----	----
Hodges Chapel	91	----	46	0	----	----
Albritton	74	22	46	22	43	31
Warsaw	76	----	46	0	40	12
Elizabethtown	70	11	46	9	----	----
Faith WD	60	57	45	175	----	----
Ebenezer	61	----	45	----	46	33
Kenly	92	----	44	0	----	----
New Vision	57	----	43	0	----	----
Calvary LD	31	----	42	0	----	----
Scotland Neck	53	----	41	0	32	27
Jacksonville	74	----	41	0	57	47
Ahoskie	104	----	40	0	59	32
Bethel	86	----	38	0	----	----
Friendship WD	88	----	38	0	52	47
Westmoreland	127	----	37	0	76	28
Heritage	58	----	36	0	72	41
Tabernacle	75	----	36	0	62	28
Red Springs	77	----	36	0	----	----
Niagara	148	----	36	0	33	16
Trinity CD	130	----	35	0	50	28
Liberty	40	----	35	0	----	----
Abbottsburg	47	----	35	0	----	----
Faith GD	80	----	33	----	60	52
Garland	63	----	33	0	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	32	0	0	0
New Covenant	46	----	32	0	28	19
Living Waters	73	----	31	0	89	27
Spring of Living Water	44	----	31	0	36	33
Oak Ridge	64	----	31	0	28	12
Friendship NBD	45	----	31	0	20	13
Bailey	64	----	31	0	21	16
Weldon	66	----	30	0	0	0
Shelmerdine	64	----	30	0	65	50
Jones Grove	66	----	29	0	----	----
Selma	55	----	28	0	----	----
Lowland	32	----	28	0	24	----
Vanceboro	31	----	28	0	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	43	----	27	0	----	0
Alliance	42	----	26	----	44	0
Hopewell	40	----	26	----	39	32
Clayton	44	----	26	0	----	----
Wades Point	52	----	25	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	25	0	45	17
Lyon Memorial	85	----	24	0	----	----
Vicks Chapel	20	----	24	----	0	----
Abundant Life	31	----	24	0	----	----
Merritts Chapel	58	----	24	0	----	----
Sims	49	----	23	0	----	----
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	0	----	----
Grace Community	36	----	22	0	14	10
Independence	57	----	22	0	----	----
Lamm's Grove	42	----	20	0	----	----
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	20	0	25	12
New Hope	27	----	19	0	----	----
Black Creek	55	----	17	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	16	0	----	----
Shekinah	41	----	15	----	16	16
Sonlight	21	----	14	----	16	0
Alert	57	----	13	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	11	0	0	0
Goose Creek	29	----	10	0	19	0
New Life	27	----	9	0	----	----
Windsor	13	8	6	8	0	0
Lighthouse	8	----	4	0	----	----
Holly Hill	----	----	0	0	----	----
Total:	17077	465	8837	516	8041	5331
Average:	129	29	66	4	89	62
Count:	132		134		90	86

1997 District Talent and Ranger of the Year Schedule

DATE	DISTRICT	CHURCH	TIME
February 21, 1997	Raleigh	Evangelistic Temple	7:30 p.m.
February 22, 1997	Fayetteville	Northwood Temple	9:00 a.m. Juniors 1:30 p.m. Teens
February 24, 1997	Williamston	Williamston First	7:30 p.m.
February 25, 1997	Lumberton	St. Pauls	7:30 p.m.
February 28, 1997	Rocky Mount	Living Faith Fellowship	7:30 p.m.
March 1, 1997	Greenville Morehead City New Bern Wilmington	Kinston First	9:00 p.m. (Schedule to be announced)
March 7, 1997	Clinton	Peniel	7:30 p.m.
March 8, 1997	Goldsboro Wilson	Pikes Cross Roads	9:00 a.m. (Schedule to be announced)

There will be a $10.00 per single category charge on all solo entries. Entries of 2 or more will pay a $20.00 per single category charge. **The deadline date for registration is February 7, 1997.** All Registration forms must be accompanied with the appropriate fee(s). **We cannot process any forms without the fee(s).** Once a form has been submitted, there will be no refunds. No telephone registrations will be received. Please type or neatly print your registration form(s). You must use the official registration form.

CREATIVE WRITING THEMES

Teens – "Crossing Racial Lines – Moving on from the Memphis Miracle"
or
"Tearing Down Racial Barriers – Moving on from the Memphis Miracle"

Juniors – "The Holy Spirit and Me"

Please note changes in the Art and Creative Writing Divisions in the new National Guidelines.

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

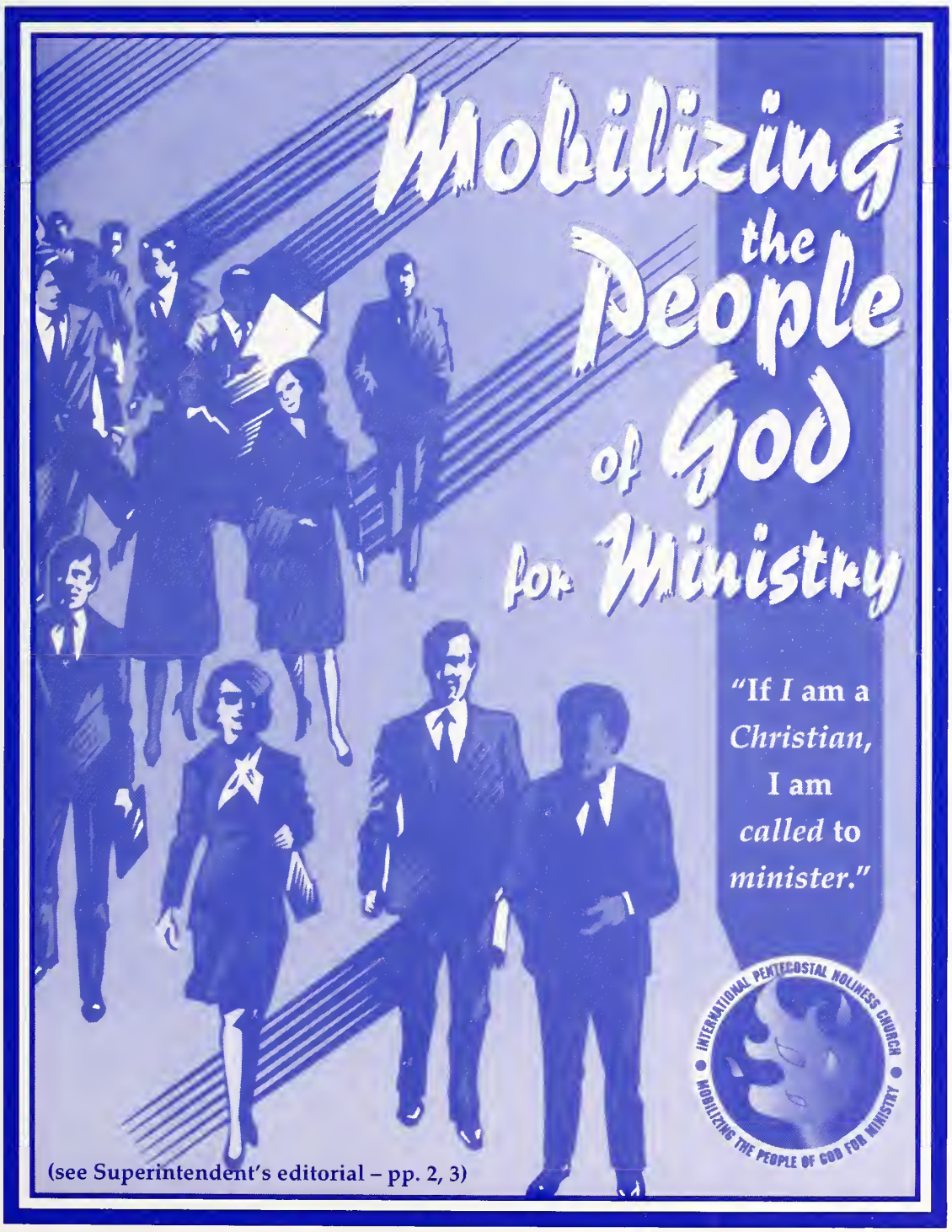
Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | FEBRUARY 1997 | NUMBER 2



(see Superintendent's editorial – pp. 2, 3)

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

CHURCH-WIDE THEME:
Mobilizing Laity For Ministry

1997 is the year to Mobilize the People of God for the work of the ministry. Every believer is a minister. All of us do not have the same ministry gifts, but each of us is a minister in our own unique way. The Holy Spirit has placed each of us in the Body of Christ with a unique function. The apostle Paul cautions us in his instructions to the Corinthians to show proper recognition and respect for each member of the Body.

The Body of Christ is not some inanimate organization. It is a living organism. So much of what I read and listen to is directed toward this important emphasis. It is the constantly recurring thought that permeates my awareness with an excited expectancy of what God is doing in The Church at this time.

The "Seize the Future" theme that spread across this denomination on November 16, 1996, pressed this point home to us. The Evangelism USA meeting in January and the John Maxwell Leadership Seminar that one hundred, thirty-two of our conference personnel attended in Winston-Salem pressed home to our hearts again the urgency of "Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministry."

One of the intriguing volumes I have read recently vividly and powerfully points out some very important reminders that we, the People of God, are His Body. That book is entitled, *The New Reformation* [Returning the Ministry to the People of God]. The author is Greg Ogden, a pastor in Saratoga, California. I call attention to his message.

The Church Is a People-Focused Body.

We are rediscovering the powerful truth that the church is a living organism. The body of Christ has been called out of the audience to become players on the stage. Everyone has a part in this drama. Every believer is a necessary part of the drama of salvation history. We are on stage together, pastors and people alike. There is no longer a select, professional union of actors. In the body of Christ, all the "actors" have a direct connection to the Producer, the Creator, and the Choreographer of History. The pastor no longer plays all the parts, but like a director, he draws out the hidden talents of many actors and encourages them to perform according to their abilities. Mr. Ogden reminds us that *Ministry is an Expression of the Giftedness of the Body.*

The reality of the church as an organism has been rediscovered. God's design is for all the people in the church to be gifted for ministry. Ministry is not just what professional leaders do. Ministry has been given to all God's people. The pastor's role is not to guard ministry jealously for himself but to turn the spotlight on this multigifted body. In the process, God's people are discovering that they are gifted to do ministry, not just be ministered to. What a powerful concept!

The church is rediscovering that ministry is not confined to the church building. We are just beginning to see the church as a base of operations called to support and equip people to live out their Christian witness in their daily lives. We live in a sorrowing world that needs a called army to address the enormous pain that is the result of human sin. Only people who know they are ministers can be compassionate tools of God's healing ministry in that world.

Charles Spurgeon, the great nineteenth-century British preacher, gave us an important reason why. When asked the secret of his powerful preaching, he replied that it lay in a people who continually prayed God's fullness into him.

God is raising up at the grass

Continued on page 3

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION CLINIC

April 18 - 23, 1997
at Northwood Temple
4250 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28311
Telephone: 910-488-7474

Classes begin with registration at noon, Friday, April 18 and end on Wednesday 23 April.

Clinic is sponsored by Dr. D. James Kennedy, EE International, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33307, who also provides Clinic teacher.

For more information regarding cost, etc., call Northwood Temple Church office.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Rev. W. Harold Lewis . . . . . February 7

Rev. J. Paul Jones . . . . . February 8

Rev. Mrs. Luetta Morris . . . . . February 10

Rev. George Casper . . . . . February 10

Rev. Clayton Guthrie . . . . . February 15

Rev. Tim B. Henry . . . . . February 26

Continued from page 2

roots a Spirit-filled people who see themselves as ministers, spiritually gifted ecumenists who see worship as the center of their relationship with God.

What is meant by organism? Mr. Ogden says organism means that the church in its essence is nothing less that *"A Life-pulsating People Who Are Animated by the Indwelling Presence of Jesus Christ."*

The apostle Paul beautifully selected the image of the human body to convey the manner in which the church is to function. We can examine the human body from two angles. The first views the body as a functional whole with all its parts under the central coordination of the head. But on closer examination we notice that the whole is made up of many parts. Each has distinctive functions. The hands are for holding, the eyes for seeing, the feet for walking, etc. The body is the prime example of unity in diversity.

Paul uses the analogy of the human body to apply spiritual truths in an informative fashion. The startling conclusion to 1 Corinthians 12:12 is "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." I have read this verse perhaps a thousand times, and I still silently conclude, *"so it is with the church."* For Paul "the body of Christ" is not just a metaphor or helpful word picture, but demonstrates the reality that Jesus dwells among his people and gives His life to them. "The body is a reality," writes Arnold Bittlinger. "Christians are not like members of any body but are according to their very nature members of a specific body, the body of Christ."

The church functions as an organism when those who make up the body of Christ seek obediently to fulfill the role God has assigned to them. The reference of the human body is very helpful in understanding the way the living organism of the church is to work together. The human body is beautifully coordinated when each part functions accordingly. The head sends the signals through the nervous system, which activates the bodily parts. These bodily parts have no will. The hands and feet, for example, only function in response to the head. If the hand could act independently of the head, there would be total chaos in the body. So the body of Christ harmonizes in perfect coordination with the head when each person seeks to minister in the gifts that have been assigned to him or her.

What is the church's relationship to Christ? Jesus Christ is the head of the church, his Body. This church is alive when it remains connected to its life source and is directly under His authority.

Yes, we are His Body. Let's get on with the business our Lord has directed the Saints. The People of God, must be equipped and deployed for ministry.

The 56th Annual Christian Worker's Institute
February 17-19, 1997
Falcon, N.C.

Cafeteria / Training Center
(Dedication - Tuesday Lunch)

Sponsored by
North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Message From The Superintendent

The 1997 Christian Worker's Institute marks the celebration of fifty-six years of strong Biblical teaching and preaching by some of the outstanding speakers of the Pentecostal and Holiness persuasions. The North Carolina Conference, meeting in 1941, passed a resolution to have a Christian Worker's Institute in 1942 for all ministers, teachers, and Christian workers. Each year since then, the Conference has sponsored a Christian Worker's Institute to train and equip ministers and Christian workers to serve more effectively in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Events

Ministers' Wives Fellowship
The Ministers' Wives Fellowship will meet Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A stress management workshop will be taught by Kym Long Wallace of Suffolk, Virginia. Other activities include lunch (on location). The meeting will take place in the smaller dining room of the Cafeteria/Training Center. All ministers' wives and lady ministers are urged to attend.

Full-Time Evangelists' Banquet
Full-time evangelists within the Conference will meet for a special banquet on Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. Spouses are invited.

Continuing Education
Licensed and Ordained ministers will be awarded one credit hour of Continuing Education for each of the sessions attended. The maximum is ten hours. (1997 begins the new cycle for Continuing Education Units.)

Music Director
Music will be directed by Pastor Danny Nelson of the Culbreth Memorial Church. Brother Nelson serves on the N. C. Conference Board. He is the WIN Prayer Director of the Conference.

SPEAKERS

Mrs. Kym (Long) Wallace
Kym Long Wallace is the daughter of Conference Superintendent and Mrs. Long. She resides in Suffolk, Virginia, with her husband Wayne and son, Nathan and daughter, Madison. Kym acquired her B.S. in Exercise Science at Wake Forest University and her M.A. in Health Education at East Carolina University. She presently serves as Regional Common Health Coordinator with Continental Health Promotions of Richmond, Virginia.

D. Chris Thompson – Devotional Speaker
Rev. D. Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference, who serves as Conference Director of Evangelism

and World Missions will speak at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. He is a native of Wayne County and has served in the Conference as Pastor, evangelist, teacher, and Conference leader since 1971. Mr. Thompson studied at N. C. State University, Holmes College of the Bible (Th. B.) and Campbell University, (B.A.) He continues to avail himself of various schooling opportunities. He and his wife, Betty, reside in Falcon. They have three sons, Jonathan, David and Nathan.

Rev. Roland Harrell

Rev. Roland L. Harrell is the Secretary/Treasurer of the North Carolina Conference. Prior to coming to this office, he served the pastorate since 1961. His most recent pastorate was the Capital Church in Garner (15 Years). He is a native of Tarboro, N. C. Mr. Harrell was a student at Holmes Theological Seminary (B.S.L.) when he met Phyllis who became his bride and the mother of two sons, Timothy and Kenneth. The Harrells are grandparents of little Parker Harrell. Mr. Harrell was licensed to preach in the South Carolina Conference in 1958 and transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1970.

Rev. M. Donald Duncan

General Secretary/Treasurer of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with his wife, Virginia. The Duncans are parents of two daughters and grandparents of two little girls. Mr. Duncan served the South Carolina Conference as pastor (19 Years), evangelist, Conference Board Member, Conference Director of Evangelism/World Missions, Assistant Conference Superintendent, and Conference Superintendent before serving in his present position. He is a member of the church's General Executive Board and the General Board of Administration. In addition to his General Accounting duties, he is the Executive Director for the Department of Stewardship and Development; Executive Director of Retirement; Chairman of the Intra-Church Fund Board; Chairman of Chaplain's Ministries and serves on the Board of Community Banks. Brother Duncan's ministry and services are in great demand for revivals, camp meetings, and Bible Conferences throughout his, as well as other denominations. He is a native of South Carolina.

Schedule of Services

Monday - February 17

7:30 p.m. ..... Rev. Donald Duncan

Tuesday - February 18

9:00 a.m. ..... (Devotion) Rev. Chris Thompson
9:30 a.m. ..... Rev. Roland Harrell
10:30 a.m. ..... Break
10:45 a.m. ..... Rev. Roland Harrell
12:00 (noon) ..... Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. ..... Aon Property and Casualty Presentation
Rev. Donald Duncan and Staff
3:00 p.m. ..... Break
3:15 p.m. ..... Aon Continued
4:30 p.m. ..... Dinner Break
7:30 p.m. ..... Rev. Donald Duncan
*9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ..... Mrs. Kyn Wallace
Ministers' Wives Meeting

Wednesday - February 19

9:00 a.m. ..... (Devotion) Rev. Chris Thompson
9:30 a.m. ..... Rev. Roland Harrell
10:30 a.m. ..... Break
10:45 a.m. ..... Rev. Donald Duncan
12:00 (noon) ..... Benediction

Rooms are available in Blue Metal Dorm or in Dunn Motels.

Call Conference Office for details.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

FOUNDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE MEN'S MINISTRIES SEMINAR

This seminar is designed for churches that are desiring to build a foundation for future ministry or want a new approach to men's ministries.

If your church is just beginning a men's ministries, this seminar will help you understand the key personal issues a man must face in striving to become a godly man. It also introduces key strategies on how to help a man work through those issues in the context of the local church.

This seminar will also help to enhance an already existing men's ministries by introducing some fresh ideas and strategies. It is vital in helping to reach men and keep them involved with the local church.

Topics in this seminar include:

Where Men Are Today

Father Issues

Man in the Image of God

Men and Relationships

Men's Small Groups

Developing an Effective Men's Ministries

A Biblical Model for Reconciliation

This seminar is geared toward a pastor and his lay leaders for men's ministry. However, any man with a heart for mentoring or men's ministries will benefit from attending.

For a registration brochure, call 1-800-888-7595.

PK PROMISE KEEPERS™

MEN OF INTEGRITY

NORTH CAROLINA FOUNDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE MEN'S MINISTRY SEMINAR

Raleigh

Friday, February 21, 1997
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 22, 1997
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Raleigh Christian Community Church
7000 Destiny Dr. (919) 266-7000

To Register, Call 1-800-349-0588
The Cost of this Seminar is $35.00

For More Information –
Call the Carolinas PK Office at
(704) 535-0881

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

One of the joys of living in North Carolina is our variety in weather. We enjoy the beauty of the budding flowers and greens in spring. We endure the humidity and heat of summer. We glory in the dazzle of autumn leaves as they paint the countryside. Then comes winter...not usually too cold, but that period of time when we get a taste of cold air and our winter breath causes a fog in the air.

But...along about this time of year, midwinter blues sometime begin to set in. We've gone through the excitement of Christmas and New Year celebrations. We've experienced the short days and long nights which daylight savings time affords us. We've been sweatered or coated up for about as long as we can stand. We begin to yearn for springtime with its longer days and warmer weather.

I was thinking this morning that it is about time to prune my rose bushes. My mother-in-law says this needs to be done in February in order to have pretty spring roses. Now tell me, does it make any sense to keep cutting back a perfectly beautiful bush? I am not much of a gardener, and it took me a long time to understand the art of pruning. I thought bigger was supposed to be better – so I just wanted to let my bushes g-r-o-w. Then Mrs. Elsie explained to me that the bush needs to be trimmed back because the blossoms come on the new growth. And do you know what? She is right!! For years now I have followed her advice. Surely enough, when the weather gets warm, little green sprigs begin to appear. Before long a nice strong stem stretches out with a beautiful bud ready to unfold its petals to release a glorious fragrance. Even the leaves and thorns are strong and healthy.

You know, that reminds me of our spiritual lives as well. Periodically we need pruning. We get bedraggled and scrawny. We get weighted down with all that has taken place in our lives...the added chores and interests. We are all bloomed out, and nothing of beauty is left. Our spiritual limbs begin to sag and grow weary. That is when the Master Gardener steps in, looks us over, and pulls out the pruning shears. Through His Word, he snips and trims us here and there. He fertilizes us with the anointing of His Holy Spirit and steps aside to watch us grow. As we respond to His touch, we grow stronger...our lives begin to blossom...and we emit a lovely aroma to bless all those around us. The leaves of our lvies are healthier because they are breathing in the oxygen of Heaven. And, yes, even our thorns are stronger...for we need the thorns as a defense against the tactics of the enemy of our souls.

I'm glad that I thought about February being the month to prune the roses, for it has reminded me that I need to submit to the pruning of my Heavenly Father if I want to spread His beauty in this world. And one day in the next week or so I intend to get out the old shears and cut back those rose bushes. Then, hopefully, come spring, I'll have roses from our own yard to remind me that the beauty of the rose is symbolic of what Jesus wants me to be to this world...a person of spiritual beauty emitting the sweet fragrance of love.

The Invitation

In February hearts entwine
And many send a pleading sign
In hopes that their beloved will give
An answer that's affirmative.
Let's not forget – as we enjoy
The sentiment, albeit coy –
He goes beyond the valentine
When our Lord says,
"Will you be mine?"

By Wycliffe McCracken

HARVEST TRAIN CELEBRATION...

"The Name of Our God" was the name of the Worship Musical presented by the Young Adult Choir of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn on Monday evening, November 25th. Under the direction of Mr. Willis Godwin, these young people did an outstanding job sharing their testimony in song and praise. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication of this fine group of young men and ladies. What a wonderful way to begin the Harvest Train Celebration.

On Tuesday morning we gathered in the parking lot of the Gospel Tabernacle Church to line up the decorated cars, trucks and vans to begin the parade. Before leaving for Falcon, the Gospel Tabernacle Women's Ministries provided refreshments for the Harvest Train participants. We appreciate all they did to help make Harvest Train a success. As we entered Falcon, the children were eagerly awaiting our arrival. They even had their pillow cases to catch all the candy. They were beautiful!

"Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World" was the theme of the program presented by the children and the staff of Falcon Children's Home. It was outstanding! Posting of the Colors presented by the Falcon Children's Home NJROTC Cadets was awesome! It was a great day to be at Falcon. This year we surpassed in our giving to the Children's Home. Once again the Lord has blessed our efforts, and we give Him the praise, honor and the glory. If you have never had the opportunity to take part in Harvest Train, I encourage you to mark your calendar now to plan to be in Falcon on November 25, 1997. Thank you for all you have done to support the ministry of Falcon Children's Home.

Patsy Deese
Director of Benevolence

Let Us Pray...

February has been designated as a special month of prayer for our denomination. I share the following prayer guide which I have condensed from materials given to me by my friend, Mrs. Audrey Ormond.

- Call on the name of the Lord using loving adjectives. (Luke 11:2)
- Give God praise for He is worthy (for mercy, love, care, provisions, family, friends, church, job, etc.) Worship through praise. (Judges 5:3; Psalm 50:23; Psalm 150)
- Ask forgiveness for sin (known/unknown) and for revelation of any unrighteousness in life and for deliverance from evil. (Colossians 1:12-28; Psalm 15)
- Ask for answers to specific desires/needs. Do not pray amiss. Keep on asking until the answer comes. (Luke 11:1-13)
  - Salvation – Isaiah 45:20-23
  - Healing – James 5:13-16; John 9:24; Matthew 4:23; Isaiah 53:5; John 9:24-45
  - Supply – Luke 11:13; Hebrews 4:16; Matthew 7:11; Philippians 4:19
- Pray for home and family. (Psalm 127)
- Pray for guidance/wisdom for leaders – local, district, state, country, world. (1 Timothy 2:2)
- Pray for the Church (1 Thessalonians 5:1-28; 1 John 4:1-6; John 10:1-18)
  - Needs met thorough tithe and service.
  - Safety/well-being of members.
  - Preservation of sound doctrine.
- Pray for Pastor...that he/she will be prepared and anointed. Pray for his/her health, material needs, for spiritual armor for him/her and for him/her to have a pastor's heart. (Ephesians 4:11; Jeremiah 3:15)
- Pray for Music. For musicians and leaders. Selection of music, presentation of music and that it will be anointed. (Psalm 66:1 & 2; Psalm 71:23; Psalm 100)
- Pray for Teachers and Workers – for hearts of commitment; for vision and revival of spirit; that they will be prepared and anointed. (John 2:27 & 28)
- Pray for Members – for understanding and accord, love and long-suffering, gentleness, sensitivity to others' needs. (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- Pray for needs of others. (Psalm 55:23; Psalm 37:25)
- Give thanks and close asking God's will to override our will in anything we have prayed. (Matthew 5, 6 & 7)
- Share with others when prayers are answered. Our testimony strengthens the faith of others. GIVE GOD THE GLORY!! (Acts 20:24)

Prayer Nugget

Recently I was privileged to attend a workshop presented by our Superintendent, Rev. T. E. Long. He briefly focused on Psalm 11:3 which reads, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Immediately I began to think about the power of prayer. I have quoted this scripture over and over in the last two years, but I remind us once again that James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of **'A'** righteous man availeth much."

Ladies, sometimes it may seem Satan is prevailing, and the foundations are crumbling around us, but we do not have to suffer destruction. Your prayer can and will make a difference. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Janice Marshburn
Director of Intercession

A Great Winter Recipe...

CORNBREAD CAKE

Sift together: 1-1/2 cup self-rising flour; 1 cup light brown sugar; 1 cup granulated sugar.

Add: 1 cup oil; 4 eggs; 1 tablespoon vanilla. Beat well.

Add: 1 cup finely chopped pecans.

Bake in 13 x 9 x 2 greased and floured pan at 350 degrees for 45 to 45 minutes.

Delicious with a hot cup of coffee. ENJOY!!

NCWM Retreat
March 14 & 15, 1997
Northwood Temple P. H. Church
Fayetteville, NC

Marilyn Mebery
Featured Speaker

Joy! Joy! Joy!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

World Missions Meals Facts – 1997

Monday, February 10	7:00 p.m.	Western Sizzlin (919) 446-3262, Hwy. 301 N. (By-Pass), Rocky Mount, NC
Tuesday, February 11	11:00 a.m.	Bill's BBQ (919) 237-4372, Forrest Hill Road & Downing St., Wilson, NC
Tuesday, February 11	7:00 p.m.	Golden Corral (919) 638-4010, Hwy. 17 & Hwy. 70, New Bern, NC
Wednesday, February 12	11:00 a.m.	Golden Corral (919) 756-4412, Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC
Thursday, February 13	11:00 a.m.	Captain Willie's (910) 564-6942, Hwy. 421 (Between Clinton & Spivey's Corner), Clinton, NC
Thursday, February 13	7:00 p.m.	Rose Hill Restaurant, Hwy. 117, Rose Hill, NC
Friday, February 14	11:00 a.m.	Ernie's Buffet (Hwy. 421 (Wayne Ave. Shopping Center), Dunn, NC

PURPOSE: The purpose of the missions meals is to give a personal word of appreciation for 1996 support, to introduce the promotion for 1997 (especially the "GO" Offering), to provide necessary promotional materials, and to train local church world missions personnel. The 1997 7-Star Achievement Awards for 1996 World Missions work will be awarded.

PARTICIPANTS: Those invited are all ministers, and mission workers and their spouses, missionaries, local missions directors and their spouses, and other world missions staff and their spouses.

SPEAKER: The invited speaker for the meetings is Rev. Ray Brewster, Overseas Ministry Coordinator for Europe and Asia.

TIME: Each meeting will last approximately two hours (including the meal).

MISSIONARIES: As the Conference will not be having Spring Missions Rallies, several missionaries will be present for fellowship. These will be present for various meals – Scott O'Conner, Rick Brewster, Ray Brewster, David Sasser, Rose Boyd, and Timmy Bowen.

Special Announcement

The Oklahoma figures have not arrived at this writing (January 3, 1997) but the N. C. figures show the 1996 Global Outreach Conference Offering at over $170,500.00. Praise the Lord! The ONE MILLION dollar goal for the U.S.A. church was reached on December 13th. Hallelujah! The Lord is at work among His people.

One result of the excellent "GO" Offering was that all missionary accounts that were in the red were moved up to a zero balance. This was a special Christmas gift to many of our missionaries. Another result was a

$50,000.00 gift for the new church building in Mozambique. Revival is exploding in this country.

The Conference "Global Outreaching Offering" goal has been set for 1997 at $185,000.00. The U.S.A. goal is $1,100,000.00. These are 10% increases over 1996. With the Lord's anointing and our obedience, these goals will be reached.

Newly Organized Church Global Outreach Ministries

On Thursday night, December 19, 1996, Superintendent Long and I traveled to Washington, N. C., to worship with Pastor Marc Swanner and the Global Outreach Ministries congregation. Some thirty-five were present for a special organizational service. During the service Superintendent Long read and explained the Articles of Faith. Some twenty-one joined the new church that night. Others who could not be present were scheduled to join at a later date.

Global Outreach Ministries began as a Bible Study in the home of Pastor Swanner last spring. For a season the group met only for prayer meeting. In October they rented a facility and began Sunday services. Presently they are meeting on Sunday (9:00 a.m. Believers Training Hour, 10:00 a.m. Celebration Service) and Thursday Night (Children's Church and Adult Bible Study). They are sharing a building with Eagle Ministries (non-profit agency to help distribute food, etc.) on Hwy. 17 S out of Washington.

Praise the Lord for this new congregation. This gives the Lord two Pentecostal Holiness churches in the Washington area. Our other church Grace Way Fellowship is presently building a new church. May the Lord bless both these churches with souls and growth.

Pastor Swanner

Global Outreach Congregation

Regional Hispanic Service – Shiloh, Wilson

REGIONAL HISPANIC SERVICE

Pastor Manuel Casaneda recently planned a "regional" service for Hispanic believers in the Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro areas. The Shiloh Church, Wilson – Pastor Ralph Leggett graciously opened their doors to allow Pastor Casaneda to use the building. Some 300 plus attended the service. Evangelist Caesar Casaneda preached. The Lord is at work within the Hispanic congregation and the N. C. Conference. Presently there are some twelve Hispanic Outreaches within the N. C. Conference.

Both Manuel and Caesar Casaneda are members of the N. C. Conference.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - November, 1996

	SS Enroll ment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enroll ment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	668	----	630	530
Kinston First	622	----	264	----	321	238
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	230	----	100	69
Gospel Tabernacle	501	20	228	15	387	331
The Capital	350	----	196	----	170	221
The First	360	----	189	----	----	----
Stedman	280	----	172	----	251	147
Tarboro First	214	25	168	33	185	148
Greenville First	240	----	154	----	80	58
Mt. Carmel	335	----	149	----	180	102
Shiloh WD	284	45	144	43	185	87
Brentwood	135	----	131	----	150	169
Clinton	263	----	130	----	167	105
St. Pauls	176	37	125	24	132	122
Chadbourn	220	----	122	----	174	91
Peniel	260	----	121	----	108	57
Wilson First	164	----	119	----	65	80
Culbreth Memorial	213	25	118	13	169	103
Harkers Island	131	----	117	----	65	45
Robersonville	200	----	115	----	183	133
Lumberton	322	14	114	12	140	72
Bizzell Grove	161	40	107	35	85	41
Millennium	178	----	105	----	90	55
Williamston	168	12	99	12	149	76
Wallace	227	----	94	----	67	72
Harvest Temple	171	65	93	47	107	49
St. Paul	156	----	87	----	40	----
Bethany	155	5	87	22	109	51
Belfast	118	----	87	----	89	53
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	86	----	101	75
Benson	167	48	83	20	140	94
Graham Memorial	100	----	81	----	54	48
Winter Park	150	----	80	----	83	80
Whitley	269	----	78	----	216	221
Baywood	118	----	76	----	60	63
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	72	----	40	40
Emmanuel	97	----	71	----	60	55
Pikes Crossroads	188	----	71	----	144	48
St. John	127	----	71	----	34	40
Manleys Grove	133	----	69	----	----	----
Sharon	99	----	69	----	43	38
New Bern First	126	----	67	----	97	38
Roper	87	----	66	----	84	57
Stantonsburg	108	----	62	----	----	----
Hobgood	100	----	62	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	155	----	61	----	91	35
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	61	----	140	----
Spring Hope	64	----	59	----	60	61
Hollands Chapel	65	----	59	----	30	22
Wilmington	142	----	59	----	142	88
Westview	112	----	58	----	88	53
Elizabethtown	70	11	58	10	----	----
Rehoboth	139	----	58	----	----	----
Eastside	202	25	57	30	----	----
Bridgeton	84	----	57	----	----	----
Mount Olive	90	----	56	----	----	----
Ayden	----	----	56	----	----	0
Taylors Chapel	130	----	56	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	55	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	106	----	53	----	83	48
Thompson Chapel	104	----	53	----	59	30
Thomas Chapel	118	----	52	----	66	32

	SS Enroll ment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enroll ment	Avg. Att.
Tyndall Grove	85	----	52	----	15	15
Carson Memorial	78	----	52	----	65	32
Trinity RMD	90	----	51	----	53	----
Midway	110	31	51	24	78	40
Calvary LD	31	----	49	----	----	0
Friendship WD	92	----	48	----	56	45
Warsaw	76	----	48	----	40	10
Ebenezer	62	----	48	0	47	35
Jacksonville	74	----	48	----	57	53
Sanford First	94	----	48	----	49	37
Thunder Swamp	89	----	47	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	90	----	47	----	----	----
Boardman	205	----	47	----	201	29
Kenly	92	----	47	----	----	----
Westmoreland	137	----	46	----	86	38
Albritton	74	22	46	22	43	31
Liberty	44	----	46	----	----	----
Hamilton	74	----	44	0	----	0
Bethel	88	----	44	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	44	----	----	----
Maranatha	74	----	44	0	50	154
Holly Hill	108	----	41	----	102	21
Shiloh FD	91	----	41	0	----	----
Garland	63	----	41	----	----	----
Tabernacle	75	----	40	----	75	31
New Vision	57	----	40	----	----	16
Scotland Neck	53	----	40	----	32	28
Niagara	148	----	40	----	33	18
St. Matthew	73	----	39	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	39	----	59	32
Faith WD	60	57	39	170	----	----
Trinity CD	130	----	38	----	50	26
Jones Grove	66	----	36	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	62	----	36	----	65	53
Abbottsburg	47	----	35	----	----	0
Faith GD	80	----	34	----	60	49
Shekinah	45	----	33	0	23	18
Oak Ridge	64	----	33	----	28	16
Heritage	58	----	32	----	72	34
Red Springs	77	----	32	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	44	----	31	----	36	38
Living Waters	73	----	31	----	89	27
Hopewell	40	----	30	0	39	30
Aberdeen	80	----	30	----	75	19
Lowland	32	----	29	----	24	----
Bailey	63	----	28	----	21	16
Selma	55	----	28	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	28	----	----	----
Vanceboro	31	----	27	----	----	----
Vaughans Chapel	43	----	27	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	27	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	38	----	26	----	30	25
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	25	----	25	12
Lamm's Grove	42	----	24	----	----	----
Plymouth	63	----	24	----	----	----
New Covenant	41	----	24	----	28	20
Independence	47	----	24	----	----	----
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	23	----	----	----
Grace Community	39	----	23	----	15	11
Middlesex	28	----	22	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	22	----	----	----
Alliance	41	----	21	----	44	0
Wades Point	52	----	20	----	----	----
Grifton	88	----	19	----	45	15
Black Creek	55	----	19	0	----	----
Swanquarter	12	----	18	----	----	----
Clayton	37	----	18	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	20	----	15	0	----	0
Sonlight	21	----	14	----	16	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Belhaven	----	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	29	----	11	----	19	0
Alert	57	----	10	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	----
Windsor	13	7	8	----	----	----
New Life	27	----	8	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	4	----	----	----
Total:	17642	489	9166	532	8438	5645
Average:	128	29	65	22	96	63
Count:	138		140		88	89

HEAR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
TOMMY BARNETT &
JONI EARECKSON TADA

Professional Seminar Leaders:

Children's Ministry for the 21st Century – Dr. Scottie May

Reaching a Mind of Rock – Al Menconi

How to Handle Conflict, Criticism, and Difficult People – Dr. Dan Reichard

Taking Back Our Communities – Dr. Bruce Wall

Handling the People's Trust: A Financial Guide for Churches – James Wills

Intensive Workshop on Understanding Music & Worship in the Local Church – Dr. Vernon M. Whaley

AT THE

1997 MACEA CONVENTION

"Beyond the Four Walls"

TWO FULL DAYS!

March 14, 15, 1997

Begins Friday, March 14th at 7:30 a.m.
Concludes Saturday, March 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Radisson Grand Resort
Fort Mill, SC

• Full Service Facilities • Hotel • Restaurants
• Conference Rooms • Meeting Hall • Class Rooms • Campground

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 1-800-321-7495

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Periodicals postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

C289.
P42

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | MARCH 1997 | NUMBER 3

Celebrate Easter

March 30, 1997

(Lines from Linda p.5)

He is Risen

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Recent Pastoral Assignments:

Grace Community	Barry Bryan
Vanceboro	Berry "Mel" House, Jr.
Hodges Chapel	Ronnie Gurganus
Holly Hill	Paul L. Loftin
Shiloh (Fayetteville District)	J. H. Norton, Interim

Recent Credentials Activity

Luis Antonio Rodriquez – Licensed Local Minister
Hispanic Pastor at Church Alive in Goldsboro [Church Type Mission]

Jeff Tippett – Licensed Local Minister
Associate at Evangelistic Temple, Cary

Lamodio Ramirez Salgado – Mission Worker
La Rocha at Calvary Temple, Rocky Mount [Church Type Mission]

Francisco Sanchez – Mission Worker
LaRocha at Springs of Living Water, Farmville [Church Type Mission]

Alberta Salazar – Mission Worker
Spring Hope Hispanic Pastor [Church Type Mission]

Marco Perez – Mission Worker
Gospel Tabernacle Hispanic Pastor [Church Type Mission]

Elvin Beltre Ruiz – Ordained
Trinity [Western North Carolina Conference], Raleigh, Hispanic Pastor [Church Type Mission]

Donald M. Crooms – Ordained of Beaufort, N. C.

Hubert S. Shropshire – Ordained of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. He has served earlier in the Eastern Virginia Conference

Nancy Berry – Ordained – She is an ordained missionary to Spain, but had never been placed on the conference roster.

Pat Aman – Christian Education License. She is available for Minister of Christian Education.
Contact Mrs. Adam at: P.O. Box 195
Newton Grove, N.C. 28366
919-594-1100

The Conference Board has appointed Reverend D. Chris Thompson, Assistant Superintendent to serve as Conference Archivist. You will be hearing more information from Brother Thompson on this matter.

*****NEWS FLASH*****

We have just officially organized our first two Hispanic Churches. They are Genesis, pastored by Francisco Concepcion [Sunday, January 26, 1997].

LaRocha [The Rock] Hispanic Church at Tarboro, pastor Manuel Casteneda, February 2, 1997.

Welcome these brothers and sisters!

At this point we have eleven other Hispanic Church Type Missions. Pray that these will be organized churches. Praise God.

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Hodges Chapel Church News

The Hodges Chapel church took advantage of their pastoral transition to remodel the parsonage. They worked over a month to give the parsonage a "make-over." The entire house was painted and all new carpet was installed. All the woodwork in the kitchen was finished, and a new kitchen floor is being considered. The guest bedroom was furnished with a new bedroom suite.

Rev. Ronnie Gurganus and family have been welcomed graciously. They are getting to know their new church family and have great expectations for the church and congregation. To God be the glory.

Superannuated Birthdays For March

Rev. H. M. Parson . . . . . .March 1
Rev. Peter Ribis . . . . . .March 6
Rev. Joseph Guthrie . . . . . .March 17
Rev. Robert Overton . . . . . .March 18
Rev. Cullen Gurganus . . . . . .March 21
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard . . .March 24
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown . . . . . .March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart . . . . .March 29

Snow Hill Church News

We have recently closed a revival at Snow Hill with Rev. Tim Henry. God met us in a definite way. God's presence was preeminent in the very first service and continued through the revival. Our hearts are full of praise to God for answering the prayers of His people. There were seven that testified to Salvation, two were Sanctified, and two received the Baptism. To God be the glory and honor.

The messages that Brother Henry brought were food to our souls. He preached inspiring messages, and they were uplifting to the Christians. We appreciate his consecrated life and ministry.

Please pray for us here at Snow Hill that God will continue to lead us on to better things.

Rev. Bobby West, pastor

Taking God's Love to the World

P O Box 12609
Oklahoma City OK 73157
(405) 787-7110
1-800-824-2000
Fax (405) 787-7729

Target 2000

Africa
Benin • Botswana
Burundi • Cameroon
Cote d'Ivoire • Egypt
Ethiopia • Ghana
Kenya • Lesotho
Liberia • Malawi
Mozambique • Namibia
Nigeria • "Northern"
Africa • South Africa
Swaziland • Tanzania
Togo • Uganda • Zaire
Zambia • Zimbabwe

Asia
Australia • China
Hong Kong • India
Indonesia • Japan
South Korea • Malaysia
New Zealand • Pakistan
Philippines • Singapore
Viet Nam • Myanmar

Europe
Middle East
France • Germany
Great Britain • Hungary
Italy • Israel
Kazakhstan • Lebanon
Malta • Norway
Romania • Russia
Spain • Ukraine
Uzbekistan

Latin America
West Indies
Argentina • Bolivia
Brazil • Chile
Colombia • Costa Rica
Cuba • Guatemala
Guyana • Haiti
Honduras • Jamaica
Mexico • Nicaragua
Panama • Paraguay
Trinidad • Uruguay
Venezuela • Barbados
Dominican Republic
Curacao Island

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRIES

Office of the Executive Director
Jesse D. Simmons

January 31, 1997

Rev. T. E. Long
North Carolina Conference Superintendent
PO Box 59
Falcon NC 28342

Dear Brother Long:

Warmest Christian greetings from World Missions Ministries.

You have been a part of the tremendous success of this ministry during 1996. Our records show that North Carolina Conference was number one with total giving of $756,755.80.

I commend you and sincerely thank you for your efforts and labors of love for the advancement of our Lord's kingdom on earth.

North Carolina also excelled in the Global Outreach giving with $170,440.66 and being number two in the denomination. The Lord Jesus is pleased that you share His heartbeat to accomplish world evangelization by sending forth laborers.

May I express again my sincere thanks to you for being such an effective member of the team in winning the lost to Jesus Christ.

For the enlargement of His kingdom,

Jesse D. Simmons

Jesse D. Simmons

JDS:th

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."

There are some childhood traditions of Easter that come fondly to my mind when I begin to see the Easter decorations emerge in our shopping centers. I recall well how it was around our house when I was a child. I had three brothers and two sisters, and our finances were limited, but on Easter Sunday we all had a new outfit to wear. Of course, I never noticed then that Moma usually wore an outfit that she had worn many times before. It has been since Joe and I have had our own children that I have recognized how my own mother sacrificed so that we could have the very best she could afford for us.

We girls didn't usually have a store-bought dress, but we were still dressed very pretty. Mammy Jones was a true seamstress. We cut out pictures of dresses in the catalog or made sketches of ones we had seen in town, showed them to Mammy, and she did the rest. I remember how she would use brown grocery bags to make the pattern. We wiggled and twisted as she measured it to us. Then she spread out a piece of fabric on Moma and Daddy's big bed, laid the pattern on it and cut out the pieces which to us looked like a puzzle. In no time flat, Mammy was calling us to try on the dress for fitting sleeves and hemlines. Come Easter Sunday morning, we were proudly dressed in our lacy, frilly dresses.

Another special childhood memory of Easter is that of the Easter Egg Hunt at church. It was such an exciting time for us to save up the prettiest eggs we could from the ones we gathered from our hens' nests. I remember one time when we didn't have any food coloring or such to dye them with. I was so disappointed because I wanted my eggs to be pretty. Moma found a piece of red fabric and put it in the water where the eggs were boiling. As a result, my eggs were a soft pink shade. After I used my crayons to decorate them, I thought my eggs were beautiful. It is still exciting to see the children gather at Holly Hill for the annual egg hunt. I'm glad that tradition has lived on.

The Easter basket has been the special treat for our children. For each child's first Easter, Joe and I purchased a basket and filled it with goodies. Every Easter since, they have each woke up on Easter Sunday morning to find their original basket full of surprises. (There was one year that I forgot to put them out, and Emma has never let me live that one down!) There is never anything exorbitant in them – just the usual candy, gum, small favors and usually a gospel tract or small book. We never got into the Easter Bunny story – we liked for them to know that it was a special treat to them from us. That Easter basket symbolizes to them our love for them on a special day.

As I have reminisced over these special Easter memories, I am reminded of what these symbols of the season mean. That new dress came just in time for the springtime weather – a new dress for a new season. The eggs that were colored and decorated reminded us of new life. The basket of goodies reminds us that someone loves us. And when I think back to Moma wearing her worn clothing so that we could have new dresses, I am reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. The beauty of the Easter season is not in His death, but in His resurrection. Because he lives, we, too, can live. Because God was willing to sacrifice His Son, we can have newness of life. As we celebrate the season this year, whether it is with a new Easter bonnet or a basket for a loved one, may we reflect on the living Lord who arose triumphant, victorious over death and the grave. May we rejoice in the new life He gives.

Report on Leadership Seminar...

On Saturday, January 25, over 300 Women's Ministries leaders gathered at the Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church for the annual Leadership Seminar. The theme for the day was ***The 4-H's of Leadership – Heart, Hands, Health, & Head.*** The Clinton Vocal Ensemble started the day with praise and worship music, and Rev. David Wheeler welcomed the ladies. NCWM Secretary-Treasurer Patsy Deese brought the devotion, and Zina Carr, of the Jones Grove WM, sang. Congregational music was led by Debbie Heath and accompanied by Joyce McCandless, both members of the New Bern First WM.

Workshops were offered in each of the 4-H's. NCWM Board Member Janice Marshburn's emphasis was on the Heart. In order to be a leader, the heart must be in tune with God. Vice President Sue Parker addressed the subject of Hands. She emphasized the many ways we can use our hands for the glory of God and to reach out to others. Board Member Phyllis Harrell spoke on Health. Her presentation offered suggestions for improving health through diet and exercise. If we are physically unable to carry out our duties, we cannot function at our best in a leadership role. President Linda Thomas shared on the subject of Head. Her emphasis was on filling the mind with good things and gaining knowledge that will enhance leadership skills. Patsy Deese did a workshop for local secretary-treasurers. GEMS Director Sandra McCandless shared GEMS news, and Ministers' Wives Fellowship Director Sylvia Long invited the ministers' wives to be actively involved in the MWF activities. She announced a meeting to be held in Falcon on February 18.

The Clinton WM served as hostesses for the event and served sack lunches. District Directors served as registrars and door prize distributors. Special thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event.

W.M. Board singing praises

Worshiping God with her whole heart

General WM Convention

Every local WM has an opportunity to be a part of making the history of General Women's Ministries at the convention on August 5 & 6, 1997, in Kansas City, MO. The theme will be ***Celebrate New Beginnings.*** Each WM in entitled to send their local president, an elected WM delegate and the pastor's wife to take part in the business of the convention. Election of officials for General Women's Ministries will be a major part of the business. Every vote is important, and we urge each local WM to send their full delegation to participate in this very important session.

Project Falcon...

NCWM is offering an opportunity for each local WM group to participate in furnishing tables and chairs for the new cafeteria building in Falcon. You may sponsor a table for $200 or chairs at $30 each. Families or friends may wish to sponsor furnishings in memory or honor of loved ones. Please send any funds for this purpose to NCWM President Linda M. Thomas. P.O. Box 337, Vanceboro, NC 28586. Thank you for helping to furnish this beautiful new building, which we all hope to enjoy for many years to come.

Prayer Nugget...

E. M. Bounds once wrote, "God's acquaintance is not made hurriedly. He does not bestow His gifts on the casual or hasty comer and goer. To be much alone with God is the secret of knowing Him and of influence with Him."

I believe God is calling the women of the North Carolina Conference to a deeper relationship with Him through prayer. As Director of Intercession for the NCWM, I encourage you to secure a copy of John Maxwell's book entitled ***Partners in Prayer,*** which teaches us how to revolutionize our churches with a team prayer strategy. In this book, he shows church leaders and lay people how to unleash the potential of prayer on behalf of themselves, one another, and the church. Jesus encouraged the concept of prayer partners in Matthew 18:20 as He said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." As ministering women, let us bind ourselves together and experience the real power of prayer to change our home, church, and the world.

Janice Marshburn, NCWM Board Member

Ideas To Try...

Try these ideas to keep your ladies coming to your WM meetings:

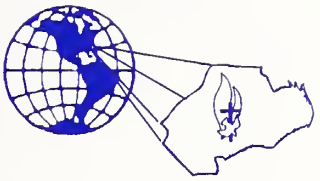
FRIENDSHIP KITS: Place in a Ziplock bag: 1) a sugar cookie recipe to use to show someone she's special; 2) a rubber band to symbolize a hug in times you want to hold the world or someone close to you; 3) an adhesive bandage representing healing for emotional wounds; 4) a cotton ball for the warm fuzzy feelings that comfort when the world seems cold or frustrating; 5) a chocolate candy kiss to symbolize the sweetness of caring friends; 6) stationery to connect with others; and 7) a poem or quote about friendship. On the outside of each kit, attach a note that tells what each ingredient represents, plus the date and time of your next WM meeting and the fact that WM fellowship builds friendships.

SCENTED SALUTATIONS: Wrap fragrant potpourri in a small square of lace tied with a satin ribbon and attach a note quoting Psalm 119:103 about the sweetness of the Word. Also note the date and time of your next WM meeting and a word about how sweet it would be to have them at that meeting.

THE NO EXCUSE BOX: One week prior to WM meeting, give each lady in your church a small cardboard box with small slips of paper. In the course of the week, ask them to think of excuses why they cannot minister, write those excuses on slips of paper, place them in the box and take the box with them to the WM meeting. At the meeting, give all ladies a small bag and ask them to empty their excuse box into the bag and take from the bag the 3 x 5 Index Card on which you have printed in large letters, "I CAN DO ALL THING THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME. Philippians 4:13."

These ideas might sound like simple crafts and projects children do in school, but sometimes the most elementary exercises can powerfully teach the most complex of hearts. Try these ideas ... and you might even have some of you own. Take the initiative in getting the attention of your ladies through some other means than the church bulletin.

·partments of
and World Missions



IIS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

OTHER MIRACULOUS YEAR

; for 1996. The results of the ministries and influence of souls won
Here are some of the records.

	1996 Goal	1996 Actual	%
4	$166,000.00	$170,440.66	11.5%
	70,000.00	78,624.70	21.8%
	60,000.00	90,716.98	80.0%
4	825,000.00	856,472.78	8.7%

#12	Gospel Tabernacle	Pastor King White
#17	Shiloh, Wilson	Pastor Ralph Leggett
#18	Greenville First	Pastor David Wood
#35	Tarboro First	Pastor Jesse Blalock
#37	Mount Carmel	Pastor Gary Strickland
#38	Kinston First	Pastor Bobby Williams
#41	Lumberton First	Pastor Ray Ward (1996)
#42	The Capital	Pastor Ronald Harrell

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE GIVING

1.	Vaughan's Chapel	$6,824.00
2.	Shiloh	4,882.00
3.	Lyon Memorial	3,786.00
4.	Ayden	3,760.00
5.	Clinton	3,541.00
6.	Vanceboro	2,957.00
7.	Kinston First	2,956.00
8.	The Capital	2,544.00
9.	Peniel	2,173.00
10.	Northwood Temple	2,118.00
11.	Evangel	2,037.00
12.	Hope Mills	1,942.00
13.	Hollands Chapel	1,592.00
14.	Mount Carmel	1,485.00
15.	Harkers Island	1,356.00
16.	Glad Tidings	1,297.00
17.	Emmanuel	1,277.00
18.	Robersonville	1,260.00
19.	Lumberton First	1,148.00
20.	Stedman	986.00
21.	Reelsboro	966.23
22.	Pine Level	888.00
23.	Saint Paul	826.21
24.	Culbreth Memorial	774.00
25.	Thompson Chapel	762.00

GOALS FOR 1997

Global Outreach – "GO"
$185,000.00

People to People
$85,000.00

USA Evangelism
$66,000.00

Grand Total
$900,000.00

By prayer, faith, and obedience – we plan to meet these goals!

The Clinton WM served as hostesses for the event and served sack lunches. District Directors served as registrars and door prize distributors. Special thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event.

W.M. Board singing praises

Worshiping God with her whole heart

General WM Convention

Every local WM has an opportunity to be a part of making the history of General Women's Ministries at the convention on August 5 & 6, 1997, in Kansas City, MO. The theme will be ***Celebrate New Beginnings.*** Each WM in entitled to send their local president, an elected WM delegate and the pastor's wife to take part in the business of the convention. Election of officials for General Women's Ministries will be a major part of the business. Every vote is important, and we urge each local WM to send their full delegation to participate in this very important session.

Project Falcon...

NCWM is offering an opportunity for each local WM group to participate in furnishing tables and chairs for the new cafeteria building in Falcon. You may sponsor a table for $200 or chairs at $30 each. Families or friends may wish to sponsor furnishings in memory or honor of loved ones. Please send any funds for this purpose to NCWM President Linda M. Thomas. P.O. Box 337, Vanceboro, NC 28586. Thank you for helping to furnish this beautiful new building, which we all hope to enjoy for many years to come.

E. M. I
hurriedly.
comer an
knowing I
I belie
Conferen
prayer.
encourag
entitled
revolutior
this book
unleash t
another,
prayer pa
two or thr
the mids
ourselves
change ou

Try th
meetings:
FRIE
sugar coo
a rubber
the world
represent
for the w
seems co
symbolize
connect
friendshi
tells wha
time of y
fellowshi
SCEN
in a sma
attach a
of the Wo
meeting
them at t
THE
meeting,
box with
ask them
write tho
and take
meeting,
their excu
5 Index C
CAN DC
STRENG
These
children
exercises
Try these
own. Tak
ladies thr

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

1996 – Another Miraculous Year

The records are complete for missions giving for 1996. The results of the ministries and influence of souls won continue on. Praise the Lord for a great year. Here are some of the records.

	1995	1996 Goal	1996 Actual	%
Global Outreach – "GO"	$152,792.64	$166,000.00	$170,440.66	11.5%
People to People	64,570.98	70,000.00	78,624.70	21.8%
USA Evangelism	50,395.15	60,000.00	90,716.98	80.0%
Grand Total	788,117.94	825,000.00	856,472.78	8.7%

The N. C. Conference was #1 in Total Giving, #1 in People to People, #1 in Missions Support, #1 in Evangelism USA, and #2 in the Global Outreach Offering. We had the #1 and #2 church in total giving. They were Northwood Temple ($85,040.81) – Pastor John Hedgepeth and Clinton First ($81,207.42) – Pastor David Wheeler. Congratulations to these missions-minded churches and pastors. The Conference had eight other churches in the denomination top fifty. They were: →

#12	Gospel Tabernacle	Pastor King White
#17	Shiloh, Wilson	Pastor Ralph Leggett
#18	Greenville First	Pastor David Wood
#35	Tarboro First	Pastor Jesse Blalock
#37	Mount Carmel	Pastor Gary Strickland
#38	Kinston First	Pastor Bobby Williams
#41	Lumberton First	Pastor Ray Ward (1996)
#42	The Capital	Pastor Ronald Harrell

Here are some of the Conference Totals:

TOTAL GIVING

1.	Northwood Temple	$85,040.81
2.	Clinton	81,207.42
3.	Gospel Tabernacle	34,632.95
4.	Shiloh	30,163.45
5.	Greenville First	29,676.00
6.	Tarboro First	19,205.00
7.	Mount Carmel	18,317.00
8.	Kinston First	18,163.49
9.	Lumberton First	18,068.00
10.	The Capital	17,778.28
11.	Benson	17,245.38
12.	Vaughan's Chapel	16.439.00
13.	The First	15,914.00
14.	Peniel	15,735.63
15.	Pikes Cross Roads	15,064.00
16.	Bethany	13,260.00
17.	Glad Tidings	11,932.00
18.	Harkers Island	10,256.00
19.	Living Faith Fellowship	9,930.25
20.	Hope Mills	9,247.00
21.	Whitley	9,100.00
22.	Bizzell Grove	9,080.00
23.	Evangelistic Temple	8,808.00
24.	Culbreth Memorial	8,164.00
25.	Harvest Temple	7,662.00

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE GIVING

1.	Vaughan's Chapel	$6,824.00
2.	Shiloh	4,882.00
3.	Lyon Memorial	3,786.00
4.	Ayden	3,760.00
5.	Clinton	3,541.00
6.	Vanceboro	2,957.00
7.	Kinston First	2,956.00
8.	The Capital	2,544.00
9.	Peniel	2,173.00
10.	Northwood Temple	2,118.00
11.	Evangel	2,037.00
12.	Hope Mills	1,942.00
13.	Hollands Chapel	1,592.00
14.	Mount Carmel	1,485.00
15.	Harkers Island	1,356.00
16.	Glad Tidings	1,297.00
17.	Emmanuel	1,277.00
18.	Robersonville	1,260.00
19.	Lumberton First	1,148.00
20.	Stedman	986.00
21.	Reelsboro	966.23
22.	Pine Level	888.00
23.	Saint Paul	826.21
24.	Culbreth Memorial	774.00
25.	Thompson Chapel	762.00

GOALS FOR 1997

Global Outreach – "GO"
$185,000.00

People to People
$85,000.00

USA Evangelism
$66,000.00

Grand Total
$900,000.00

By prayer, faith, and obedience – we plan to meet these goals!

Two New Hispanic Churches

The N.C. Conference is two churches larger. On Sunday afternoon, January 26, the Genesis Hispanic Church was organized with thirty adult members. On Sunday night, February 2, the Tarboro La Roca church was officially organized with one hundred members. That's correct – ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS. Praise the Lord for these two new congregations.

The Genesis Hispanic is our "first" officially organized Hispanic Church. They are meeting at The Genesis Church. Pastor Vernon Potter and The Genesis are to be congratulated and commended for their willingness to share their facility with our Hispanic brothers. Pastor Francisco Concepcion is the pastor of this our "first" Hispanic Church. He is an exceptional man of God, and a Christian brother of integrity. Genesis Hispanic had seventy-five present at the organization service. Their average attendance is around fifty. Brother Concepcion has been assisted by two of our ministers – Rev. Jose Del Villar and Rudolph Olivio. Brother Olivio has just begun a Hispanic work at Evangelistic Temple in Cary.

The Tarboro La Roca Church began two years ago. The pastor, Rev. Manuel Castaneda joined the Conference last year. Praise the Lord that the church has decided to join the Conference. They own their own building on Hwy. 64 Business in Tarboro (near the Brentwood Church). They are running over one hundred-fifty in average Sunday worship.

Pastor Castaneda is a church planter. He has been instrumental in helping to establish churches in Rocky Mount and Farmville. He is presently assisting with the Hispanic work in Robersonville.

We praise the Lord for those two new churches. May the numbers continue to increase. Presently seven of the districts have Hispanic churches. They are: Clinton–1, Fayetteville–2, Goldsboro–1, Greenville–1, Raleigh–1, Rocky Mount–3, and Williamston–1. One goal is to have at least one Hispanic Church within each district by year's end. The Conference has twelve Hispanic Outreaches.

Genesis Hispanic Organization, Pastor Francisco Concepcion

Rudolph Olivio, Jose Del Villar, Alberto Salazar, Francisco Concepcion, Manuel Castaneda, Miguel

Tarboro La Roca "New Members"

John Parker to Teach Spanish Classes

The Conference will be sponsoring Spanish Classes (conversational Spanish) beginning in March. The classes are open to anyone who wishes to communicate with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. In addition to the classes listed below – taught by John Parker – the Evangel Church, Raleigh, will also be offering a class. Pastor O'Neal announces they have their own in-house instructor, Sarah Moore. The cost of the classes will be $20.00. There will be five lessons over a seven-week period. Brother Parker's classes will be repeated three times per week.

Lumberton Class	**Falcon Class**
Tuesdays – 7:00 p.m. Lumberton First Church March 11, 18, 25 April 8, 15	Wednesdays – 7:30 a.m. Conference Office March 12, 19, 26 April 9, 16
Greenville Class Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. – Greenville First Church March 13, 20, 27 – April 10, 17	

Praise Corner

- For 129 attending the John Maxwell Seminar.
- For 90+ attending the first ever church planter's banquet
- For a new church planter, Rev. Keith Thomason, approved to start a church in Western Wake – Apex area. The opening service is scheduled for October.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - December 1996

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	592	----	630	430
Kinston First	620	----	279	----	321	235
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	203	----	100	98
The Capital	350	----	197	----	170	209
Gospel Tabernacle	501	20	195	14	387	300
The First	360	----	186	----	140	0
Stedman	280	----	163	----	251	149
Tarboro First	214	25	155	----	185	134
Mt. Carmel	336	----	149	----	185	105
Shiloh WD	288	46	149	46	187	99
Whitley	269	----	138	----	225	213
Greenville First	240	----	133	----	80	61
Robersonville	202	----	131	----	184	136
St. Pauls	176	37	129	20	132	121
Lumberton	322	14	127	11	140	104
Harkers Island	131	----	125	----	65	54
Clinton	263	----	123	----	167	114
Chadbourn	220	----	123	----	174	106
Pine Level	204	18	122	16	71	60
Culbreth Memorial	224	25	121	12	169	87
Brentwood	135	----	120	----	150	170
Wilson First	160	---	119	0	65	70
Bizzell Grove	163	40	116	35	80	39
Peniel	260	----	110	----	108	62
Evangel	431	----	107	----	234	86
Harvest Temple	171	65	99	47	107	46
Millennium	178	----	96	----	90	52
Williamston	168	12	95	12	149	101
St. Paul	156	----	94	----	40	----
Belfast	128	----	90	----	89	51
Wallace	227	----	88	----	67	73
Reelsboro	99	----	88	0	96	32
Smyrna	106	----	86	----	101	81
Winter Park	150	----	86	----	83	89
Bethany	155	5	84	22	109	42
Benson	167	48	83	20	140	93
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	83	----	101	74
Spring Hope	65	----	82	----	61	56
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	78	----	40	40
Baywood	119	----	73	0	60	49
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	72	----	143	51
Emmanuel	97	----	71	----	60	51
Roper	87	----	69	----	84	66
St. John	127	----	69	----	34	54
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	66	----	140	----
Sharon	99	----	65	----	43	35
Rehoboth	139	----	64	----	15	----
Manleys Grove	136	----	62	----	----	0
New Bern First	126	----	62	----	97	41
Hollands Chapel	65	----	61	----	30	21
Brocks Chapel	155	----	61	----	91	43
Hobgood	100	----	60	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	60	----	----	0
Mount Olive	90	----	59	0	13	0
Elizabethtown	70	----	58	----	55	----
Ayden	57	----	56	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	56	----	48	30
Moores Chapel	106	----	56	----	83	50
Eastside	202	25	55	30	21	----
Bridgeton	84	----	55	----	23	----
Westview	112	----	55	----	88	50
Thunder Swamp	89	----	54	----	10	0
Thompson Chapel	104	----	53	----	59	28
Taylors Chapel	130	----	53	----	----	0
Calvary LD	31	----	52	----	----	----
Graham Memorial	100	----	53	----	54	35
Thomas Chapel	118	----	52	----	66	32
Wilmington	142	----	51	----	142	27
Midway	110	31	50	22	78	44
Snow Hill	51	----	48	----	----	----
Ebenezer	61	----	48	----	45	38
Tyndall Grove	85	----	48	----	15	14
Warsaw	76	----	48	----	40	11
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	46	----	----	----
Kenly	92	----	46	----	----	0
Friendship WD	92	----	45	----	56	46
St. Matthew	73	----	45	----	----	0
Trinity RMD	90	----	45	----	53	47
Bethel	86	----	44	----	----	0
Winterville	95	----	44	----	48	----
Hamilton	74	----	44	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	44	----	65	33
Westmoreland	138	----	43	----	86	44
Boardman	205	----	43	----	201	25
Albritton	74	22	43	25	43	25
Holly Hill	108	----	42	----	102	33
Niagara	148	----	40	----	33	19
Shiloh FD	91	----	39	----	61	----
Gethsemane	154	----	39	----	48	17
Maranatha	74	----	39	----	50	145
Selma	51	----	39	----	17	0
Scotland Neck	53	----	37	----	32	29
Hodges Chapel	92	----	37	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	51	----	37	----	65	48
Trinity CD	130	----	36	----	50	25
Goshen	70	----	36	----	36	32
Jacksonville	74	----	36	----	30	22
Faith WD	60	57	35	160	----	0
Abbottsburg	47	----	35	----	----	----
Faith GD	80	----	35	0	60	51
The Genesis	70	----	35	----	----	----
Living Waters	73	----	35	----	89	32
Ahoskie	104	----	34	----	59	29
Aberdeen	80	----	34	----	75	20
Garland	63	----	32	----	----	----
Heritage	58	----	32	----	72	25
Weldon	66	----	32	----	----	----
Tabernacle	75	----	32	----	75	24
New Vision	57	----	32	----	25	16
Liberty	44	----	32	----	----	----
Vanceboro	31	----	30	----	----	0
Jones Grove	66	----	29	----	----	0
Lyon Memorial	85	----	29	----	----	----
Red Springs	77	----	29	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	28	----	24	----
Spring of Living Water	44	----	28	----	36	36
Bailey	63	----	28	----	21	19
Oak Ridge	64	----	28	----	28	22
Vaughns Chapel	43	----	27	----	0	----
New Creation	37	----	27	----	----	----
Wades Point	52	----	27	0	29	9
Hopewell	40	----	27	----	39	33
Friendship NBD	38	----	25	----	30	27
Abundant Life	31	----	24	----	----	----
Shekinah	45	----	24	----	23	13
Sims	49	----	24	----	----	0
Plymouth	63	----	24	----	16	----
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Grace Community	31	----	22	----	20	12
Clayton	37	----	22	----	----	----
Alliance	41	----	22	----	42	----
Calvary Temple	42	----	22	----	20	11
Black Creek	55	----	22	----	----	----
Middlesex	28	----	22	----	----	0
Gospel Net Ministries	101	----	22	----	25	13
New Hope	27	----	21	----	28	22
New Covenant	41	----	21	----	28	22
Lamm's Grove	42	----	20	----	----	0
Vicks Chapel	20	----	19	----	----	----
Independence	47	----	18	----	----	0
Grifton	88	----	18	----	45	16
Swanquarter	12	----	18	----	----	----
Sonlight	21	----	17	0	16	0
Goose Creek	30	----	13	----	19	0
Crystal Coast	36	----	13	----	----	----
Belhaven	18	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	----
Alert	57	----	7	0	----	0
Windsor	13	6	6	----	----	----
New Life	10	----	6	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	4	----	----	0
Glad Tidings	400	----	0	----	180	0
Highest Praise	185	----	0	----	118	0
Smithfield	52	----	----	----	----	----
Global Outreach Ministries	25	----	----	----	----	----
Total:	19663	496	9599	525	9800	5862
Average:	127	29	63	22	88	51
Count:	155	----	153	----	111	114

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

CEM

CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Equipping The Church To Reach The World!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them..." Matthew 28:19,20 NKJV.

Sunday School

Youth Ministries

Adult Ministries

Children's Ministries

College Ministries

Benevolent Ministries

Ministerial Training

CE EMPHASIS OFFERING

Easter Sunday March 30, 1997

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Periodicals postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
and other additional
mailing offices

110235

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 APRIL 1997 NUMBER 4

"Sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase."

Psalm 107:37

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest "Barrier Breaker" of time and eternity. The rent veil in the temple and the open tomb are only two prime examples of His barrier breaking power.

Staff writer, Cheryl L. Burke, of the Carteret County NEWS TIMES wrote a powerful article that appeared on the front page of that paper on Wednesday, February 5, 1997. She called it "Breaking Barriers." I agree with her. You need to read this story. It is another example of Jesus Christ's Barrier Breaking Presence.

When you walk into the Maranatha Pentecostal Holiness Church, you see whites and blacks singing in the choir, sharing Bibles, and joining hands to pray.

A 16-week revival has brought the predominantly white Maranatha congregation together with the mainly black congregation of Faith Tabernacle of Praise. The Rev. Donald Crooms, pastor of Faith Tabernacle, has been the guest evangelist for the services. There's talk of a future merger of the churches, although that has not yet happened. The two churches have sat next to each other on Highway 101 in Beaufort since 1994.

Originally, the revival was scheduled to last six days, according to Maranatha pastor Marty Warren. But, because of what he calls miraculous healings and many accepting Jesus Christ, the revival has just kept going.

The Rev. Crooms began preaching services in October. Services are continuing Sunday through Wednesday each week, and most are packed.

The Rev. Warren said, "The Lord is doing something special here. I had originally tried to get another evangelist to preach. But one thing after another prohibited it. I was getting down to the wire when I thought about asking Donald Crooms.

"Before I even had a chance to call him, I ran into him at Golden Corral. I asked him if he'd be interested, and he said yes. The Lord has blessed us ever since. After the first week I felt the Lord wanted us to continue, and so did our congregation. I asked Donald if he was free the following week, and he said he was. I'm not sure how long this will last. I don't want to stop what God has started, and the congregation has wanted to continue."

The Rev. Crooms said, "I never dreamed this would last this long. I was shocked when Marty asked me to preach this revival. It's unusual for a white minister to ask a black minister to preach. I'd been asked to sing and maybe preach one service for some white churches. But, not to preach the complete revival. I grew up around here, and it's just not done," the Rev. Crooms said.

"After the first week it was just awesome. The unity between our two congregations is incredible. It's like we had always been the same church," said the Rev. Crooms.

News of the revival has spread across eastern North Carolina, and many are coming to see what all the fuss is about. Many from other churches attend the services on nights their own church doesn't meet.

Charlotte George, a member of Body of Christ in Havelock, said during a recent service, "This is my third visit. I think God is bringing us all together as one," she said.

The revival does appear to be breaking down racial barriers.

The Rev. Warren said, "When I started this revival, I wanted it to have a theme. I had been to a Promise Keepers convention with a group of men from our church. The theme was 'Break Down the Walls.' That's what I've always wanted here – to see blacks and whites and denominations come together."

The Rev. Crooms said, "The only way we can deal with bringing down the walls is to confront them. We're not one in the spirit yet, and that's what God desires. We should mirror in the church what God intended to be.

"We need to be set free from those vain imaginations that have been passed on to us from childhood. A couple of weeks ago I had two older people hug me and tell me they'd been set free from racism during these services. What's happening here is a deep work. I've changed too."

Mamie Harvey of Faith Tabernacle said, "God's doing a miracle. It's good for the community and town. I feel great about this. I wish the whole county could come together like this."

Barbara Robinson of Maranatha Church said, "We're all God's children. It's like this was always meant to be. I think the Lord is getting ready to come because He's getting His church ready. There have been a lot of souls saved during this revival."

The Rev. Crooms echoed Ms. Robinson, saying he felt God had intended the two churches to join for revival all along.

"Rev. Warren started pastoring in 1994, and we bought the building next to Maranatha a few months later. There's only a ditch separating our two churches," he said.

"Many in Christian circles say what is happening at Maranatha is an example of spiritual revival beginning to sweep the county and nation. Items that Christians point to include the expansion of several county churches to

Continued on p. 8

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

* * * * * *

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend George Asa Casper

February 10, 1915 - February 19, 1997

Rev. George Asa Casper

The funeral service of George Asa Casper was conducted at Williamston First Pentecostal Holiness Church on Saturday, February 22, 1997. Interment was in Martin Memorial Gardens.

Services were conducted by Pastor W. A. Mills and Conference Superintendent, T. Elwood Long.

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" 1 Timothy 1:12-15 KJV.

George Casper was "a man who was put in ministry by the call of God." He was a *Minister* of *Praise*. "And I thank Christ Jesus, our Lord." He was a *Minister* of *Power* - "who hath enabled me." He was a *Minister* of *Perseverance* - "For that he counted me faithful." He was a *Minister* with a *Past* - A sinner, but it does not matter anymore. He is eternally a *Minister* with *Position*. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. Brother Casper was born on February 10, 1915 in Bertie County to Asa Edward Casper and Maggie Ann Evans Casper. He was born again in a home prayer meeting in 1931 at the age of 16. He received his Mission Worker License on July 27, 1935, his Local Minister's License in September 1943, and was ordained on September 2, 1945.

He pastored from 1944 - 1980. Those churches were: Clayton, Shiloh [Wilson], Vaughan Chapel, Ebenezer, Bethany, Rehobeth, Kenly, Windsor, Washington, Robersonville, Wades Point, Meadow Brook, Hobgood. After his official retirement he served as interim pastor at: Hodges Chapel, Pinetown, Hobgood, Plymouth and Wades Point.

Brother Casper was a gentle, kind and unpretentious man. He was never given to fads or tangents. He was "steadfast, unmoveable and always abounded in the work of the Lord."

He was married in 1933 to Evelyn L. White. She preceded him in death in 1986. The Lord gave him the widow of another preacher, Willard Watson. Her name is Esther. She gently and lovingly served him as wife since 1987.

His surviving children are: Mabel Swain, George Casper Jr., Shirley Holiday, Ruth Davenport, Edward Casper, Carolyn Hopkins and Tony Casper. His stepchildren are Phyllis Mackenzie, Raymond Watson, Marvin Watson. He had 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

He was born in a family of 10 children. Those who survive are: Linwood Casper - Tarboro; Pearl Conner - Williamston; Hazel Brown - Florida; and Annie Mae Kramer - Pennsylvania.

Brother George was a builder – with his *hands* and with his *heart*!

Superannuated Birthdays for April

Rev. Samuel Williams.....April 16

Rev. Rodney Knowles.....April 22

Rev. Jettie Parker.....April 24

Rev. Elton Lancaster.....April 27

Rev. Mrs. George Osborne.....April 28

Dear Fellow-Laborers:

Thank you just doesn't seem adequate to show our appreciation for all that you have done for us this past year! We really appreciate the hospitality, fellowship, prayers, and support. You opened up your hearts to us, and that is just exactly what we needed. As we leave for St. Louis, Missouri, on March 29 and then for Cebu City, Philippines, on April 4, it will be with full hearts because of your love and concern for us.

Please pray for us as we say goodbye to our loved ones over the next week or so. Also pray that when we get to Cebu City, we can find a home and a car so that we can get started in our ministry. We are believing God for great things to happen.

Thank you so much!!!

Yours for the kingdom,

L. J. & Peggy Wood

WANTED
YOUTH/MUSIC MINISTER

Wallace Pentecostal Holiness Church is receiving applications for the position of Youth/Music Minister. Anyone interested should submit a resume and philosophy of ministry statement to the following address:

Wallace Pentecostal Holiness Church
P.O. Box 354
Wallace, NC 28466

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

Lines From Linda

Did you ever hear the expression, *"as the eagle flies"*? I guess it was something that my husband shared with me that reminded me of that phrase. He was recently at his office in Raleigh, seated at the conference room table, with a view overlooking the rooftop of a separate wing of the building. Suddenly a very large bird alighted on that rooftop. Upon closer observation, Joe realized it was an eagle. He said the eagle sat there in a regal pose for a few moments as if waiting to be photographed, and then lifted its wings and disappeared up high over the buildings. As Joe was sharing that with me, I was reminded of a sermon about eagles that I heard a radio evangelist preach some time ago. I do not remember who it was nor do I remember the details of the sermon, but some of the key points he made are worth sharing.

The eagle has historically been a symbol of power, courage, and immortality. They inhabit all major land regions except Antarctica and New Zealand. Although they were once abundant, some eagles now are rare and even face extinction. In spiritual terms, we know that as Christians we are to be eagles in this world – examples of the power and courage given us through the Holy Spirit; and immortal in the sense that we have eternal life. All major areas of the world are inhabited by Christians today. Yet, as abundant as Christians have been in past years, we wonder today if the real eagles are an endangered species.

There are four special characteristics of the eagle to which we can make true spiritual application.

The eagle SOARS HIGH. This is a bird that was born to fly. It was not designed to be caged up. The mighty wings, some spanning as much as eight feet, give them the ability to reach heights that other birds cannot attain. Is this not true of the Christian as well? We are not born again to be caged up but to go to the highest peaks with the message of Jesus Christ. God intends for us to fly high!

The eagle is SEPARATED. This regal bird does not fly in a mixed multitude. As true eagles in God's kingdom, we must be careful of the company we keep. Some "birds" have characteristics with which we cannot afford to identify. The mocking bird, making mockery of everyone could represent the hypocrite. The woodpecker, know-it-all, just keeps knocking away and pecking away until he/she gets his own way. The hummingbird, shallow little fellow, can't get very high off the ground; and much of the time you find it neither going forward nor backward, but just whizzing its wings and standing still. And look at the sapsucker who never contributes, just takes and never does anything for God. As eagles, we must separate ourselves from company that will hinder our purpose.

The eagle SEES AFAR. The eagle's vision is keen, and because it chooses a high nesting place and chooses to soar high up in the sky far above the earth, it can see great distances away. Does the scripture not tell us if we do not have a vision, we will perish. We need to keep a good check on our spiritual eyesight. When we rest in high places of worship and choose to live above the world's values, we can see what God wants us to see. We will be spiritually aware and be able to see where God is leading us.

The eagle is STRONG. The eagle is noted for its strength. Most eagles range from two to three feet long. They have large, heavy, hooked bills and strong, sharp claws called talons. The body is very muscular and fit. Many times I feel my own spiritual inadequacies, yet I am reminded of that scripture that teaches us that when we are weak, He is strong. Not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit I am strong. The Holy Spirit will empower us to be strong in the service of our Lord.

The eagle is SPEEDY. The eagle, with its keen eye, watches for its prey. When it is in sight, the mighty wing span changes position; and with a mighty swoop, the eagle moves like lightning to make the kill with the powerful talons. We, too, must be quick to move in on that which will feed us spiritually and claim it for our own. By the same token, we must be quick to kill the things that would hinder us spiritually. We can't afford to let little foxes linger in our lives until the Vine is destroyed. We must move speedily to do what we can for Christ.

Well, so much for the lesson on eagles! I hope it will cause us all to measure ourselves against this mighty symbol of power and courage. It is time for us to mount up and fly *"as the eagle flies"*!!!

Celebrate GEMS

April and May bring us several opportunities to celebrate – the arrival of spring, the joy of Mother's Day, graduations – and it's also the time chosen to celebrate GEMS!

First and foremost, celebrate GEMS in your local church on GEMS Day on April 13. Plan now to make this a special and memorable

occasion honoring your girls and their achievements.

Second, take your girls to one of the NC GEMS Retreats (April 18 & 19 or May 2 & 3) in Falcon. The retreat this year will focus on activity and fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity for girls across our conference to get to know one another, and it also proves to be a bonding experience within your own group. These events are again a time for making memories and enjoying one another.

Finally, the NC GEMS Convention will be held May 17 in Falcon. In 1972, the first GIRLS AUXILIARY Convention was held in the North Carolina Conference. In later years, the name was changed to GEMS, and this year will mark the 25th anniversary of a convention for the girls of our conference. Plans are underway for a very special event to celebrate this occasion. For those plans to be complete, each and every GEMS group needs to be represented. *(Contact Sandra McCandless, NC GEMS Director, at 919-244-0550 for details on all these events.)*

Keep in mind that development and training for the ladies who work with your girls should be a top priority this year. The STURKIE TRAINING COURSE will be offered on August 16. This training is for ladies previously LTC-certified. The GEMS LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE will be offered October 24 & 25. This is a must for new sponsors and an excellent refresher for anyone working with GEMS. Provide the means for your ladies to receive these all-important training sessions.

Emmanuel Scholarships

North Carolina Women's Ministries is offering Emmanuel College scholarships through GEMS. To apply, please have PARS send the following information by May 1 to Sandra McCandless, 960 Cow Pen Landing Road, Vanceboro, NC 28586:

1. A resume (including education, extra-curricular and church activities).

2. Two letters of reference.

3. A 200-word essay on one of the following topics:

   "What GEMS Has Meant To Me"

   "What Women's Ministries Means To Me"

1997 NCWM Convention

The 1997 NCWM Convention is scheduled for June 7 at Falcon. The guest speaker for this event will be Rev. Rene´ Ross. She is a pastor and also a member of the General Women's Ministries Board. A feature of the convention this year will be the Show & Sell. Prior to the convention, each local group is invited to set up items which their WM group has for sale in the cafeteria building.

During registration time, refreshments will be furnished, and those attending will be given the opportunity to shop among fellow WM groups. Details on this event will be sent to each local President. Ladies, you will want to be present for this special time of training, worship, and fellowship. Mark your calendars now.

Ministers' Wives Fellowship

Tuesday, February 18, 1997, the Christian Worker's Institute Annual Ministers' Wives Fellowship met at the new Falcon Training Center for an all-day workshop on stress management.

A big thank you goes to Rose Hubbard, Louine Lee, Phyllis Harrell, Regina Whitfield, Rose Nelson, and Barbara Lancaster for their role in the skit that began the workshop. This skit showed just how stress can be contagious if not dealt with in the right way.

Our special speaker was Kym Long-Wallace, daughter of Sylvia and Elwood Long. She conducted several sessions throughout the day addressing types of stress, giving ideas on how to handle our stress. Kym ended the day on nutrition.

We had several people who were not ministers' wives to join us before the class ended. We all can say a big thank you to Kym as she showed her knowledge and training in all these areas.

I think each one of the forty some women who attended left feeling much better about their situation.

Jane Warren led the way in beautiful music and singing between each session. Some of the songs brought out the child in us. I thank Phyllis for playing the keyboard.

Many door prizes were given out throughout the day. So many have expressed their appreciation for the day. Tapes are available. Contact Mrs. Mary Ida Butts.

The committee, Regina Whitfield, Ann Woolard, Phyllis Harrell worked hard to help me develop these activities, and I thank each one of you.

Our next meeting will be on Friday afternoon during Camp Meeting. You will be getting mail on this. Plan for it. You will feel better about yourself.

Sylvia Long
Committee Chairperson

PASTOR APPRECIATION GIFTS

1997

World Evangelization Giving

World Missions Ministries and Evangelism USA

Local Churches

Each pastor with a **$1,000 or more increase** over last year's total world missions giving will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

Each pastor with a **$500 or more increase** over last year in the Global Outreach Offering will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

No more than one gift will be awarded per church.

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources will be given in each conference (one certificate per category) as shown below:

- Largest Total Overall Giving
- Largest GO Percentage Increase ($500 minimum total offering)
- Largest Overall Per Capita Giving ($500 minimum total offering)

epartments of
ı and World Missions

RIS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

g

i-monthly
t the first
It was a
shouting
ıread this

New Church – Apex/West Cary

The Evangelism Board has approved Rev. Keith Thomason of Greenville to start a new church in the Apex-West Cary area. Brother Thomason grew up in the Roanoke Rapids Church. He is a graduate of Oral Roberts University and Duke Divinity School. He planted a United Methodist Church in Greenville that went from zero to seven hundred plus in three years. Last year he came home to his Pentecostal roots – the N.C. Conference.

The Department will assist Pastor Thomason with telemarketing and mass mailing. The target date for the first worship service is October 5. Those desiring more information should call Brother Thompson at the Conference Office.

1995 "GO" Offering Update

Churches within the Conference are working diligently on their 1997 Global Outreach Offering. The Conference Goal is $185,000.00. At least a 10% increase is requested from the churches this year. The U.S.A. Goal is $1,100,000.00. This offering is so critical to the overall success of the World Missions Program.

The Conference Office has an ample supply of coin folders, day's wage folders, brochures, lapel pins, bulletin inserts, posters, etc. for a church to use in the promotion of the offering. All funds are requested to be in Falcon by Wednesday, July 23.

ı Carolina Conference

Per Capita Giving
Top 25

s by every church. Below is the top 25 churches in per capita giving for 1996.

ıount could go up to $50.00 per member, the Conference would be giving over
gers the imagination.

ımount		Church	Pastor	Amount
$296.37	14.	Bridgeton	Kenneth Dixon	$89.74
251.90	15.	New Hope	Annie Norman	87.56
164.40	16.	Greenville First	David Wood	87.03
159.70	17.	Tarboro First	Jesse Blalock	74.72
152.34	18.	Hodges Chapel	Robert Ormond	74.71
129.67	19.	Pikes Cross Roads	Timothy Creel	74.57
127.31	20.	Harvest Temple	Fred Jones	66.06
126.29	21.	Goshen	Allen Mayo	65.74
117.18	22.	Hope Mills	Ken Milliken	65.58
111.20	23.	Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	65.32
106.07	24.	Holly Hill	Robert Whaley	63.28
101.55	25.	New Vision	Keith Rouse	62.69
98.34				

PASTO
APPRECIATIC

1997

World Evangelizati

World Missions Ministries and I

Local Churches

Each pastor with a **$1,000 or more**
year's total world missions giving wi
certificate in the amount of $75 from

Each pastor with a **$500 or more in**
the Global Outreach Offering will re
the amount of $75 from LifeSprings

No more than one gift will be a

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from Life
be given in each conference (one cert
shown below:

- Largest Total Overall Giving
- Largest GO Percentage Incr
  ($500 minimum total offerin
- Largest Overall Per Capita (
  ($500 minimum total offerin

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Hispanic Ministerial Training

The Evangelism Department is sponsoring bi-monthly training for Spanish ministers. John Parker taught the first class in January. Some 15 were in attendance. It was a fantastic class! Brother Parker had our brothers shouting over the *Manual*! May the Lord increase and spread this enthusiasm.

Instructor John Parker and the first bi-monthly training class for Hispanic ministers

New Church – Apex/West Cary

The Evangelism Board has approved Rev. Keith Thomason of Greenville to start a new church in the Apex-West Cary area. Brother Thomason grew up in the Roanoke Rapids Church. He is a graduate of Oral Roberts University and Duke Divinity School. He planted a United Methodist Church in Greenville that went from zero to seven hundred plus in three years. Last year he came home to his Pentecostal roots – the N.C. Conference.

The Department will assist Pastor Thomason with telemarketing and mass mailing. The target date for the first worship service is October 5. Those desiring more information should call Brother Thompson at the Conference Office.

1995 "GO" Offering Update

Churches within the Conference are working diligently on their 1997 Global Outreach Offering. The Conference Goal is $185,000.00. At least a 10% increase is requested from the churches this year. The U.S.A. Goal is $1,100,000.00. This offering is so critical to the overall success of the World Missions Program.

The Conference Office has an ample supply of coin folders, day's wage folders, brochures, lapel pins, bulletin inserts, posters, etc. for a church to use in the promotion of the offering. All funds are requested to be in Falcon by Wednesday, July 23.

North Carolina Conference

Per Capita Giving
Top 25

Praise the Lord for the amount given for missions by every church. Below is the top 25 churches in per capita giving for 1996. Praise the Lord for these excellent amounts.

The Conference Per Capita was $38.88. If this amount could go up to $50.00 per member, the Conference would be giving over $1,250,000.00 per year for missions. This figure staggers the imagination.

	Church	Pastor	Amount
1.	Clinton	David Wheeler	$296.37
2.	Middlesex	W. E. Price	251.90
3.	Vaughan's Chapel	Reuben Mosley	164.40
4.	Wakelon	Dean Fulford	159.70
5.	Shiloh	Ralph Leggett	152.34
6.	Benson	L. B. Collins	129.67
7.	Friendship	Emmett Turner	127.31
8.	Bethany	Philllip Bland	126.29
9.	Reelsboro	Steve Willis	117.18
10.	Vanceboro	Aubrey Spear	111.20
11.	Lyon Memorial	Dallas Gurganus	106.07
12.	Harkers Island	Clayton Guthrie	101.55
13.	Peniel	Jimmy Swinson	98.34
14.	Bridgeton	Kenneth Dixon	$89.74
15.	New Hope	Annie Norman	87.56
16.	Greenville First	David Wood	87.03
17.	Tarboro First	Jesse Blalock	74.72
18.	Hodges Chapel	Robert Ormond	74.71
19.	Pikes Cross Roads	Timothy Creel	74.57
20.	Harvest Temple	Fred Jones	66.06
21.	Goshen	Allen Mayo	65.74
22.	Hope Mills	Ken Milliken	65.58
23.	Bizzell Grove	Dwight Dunning	65.32
24.	Holly Hill	Robert Whaley	63.28
25.	New Vision	Keith Rouse	62.69

N.C. Conference
1996 Statistics

The records have been compiled. 1996 was a great year. The Conference had a net gain of 933 new members. That was a 4.2% increase over 1995. The Target 2000 goals adopted several years ago had the Conference ending the year at 22,800 members. The actual result was 22,989. That was 1889 over our goal. Praise the Lord!

The Conference ended the year with 15,872 attending worship each Sunday morning. This figure reflected a 6.4% increase over 1995 or actual increase of 949. The Target 2000 goal was 16,000. We are 128 behind the goal in this category. Lord, help us to regain and to accomplish the goal this year.

The total number of churches and missions for year's end 1996 and 176. There were 13 new church start ups last year. We are presently four ahead of the Target 2000 goal of 172. The Lord is at work.

The Target 2000 goals for year's end 1997 are as follows:

Membership 24,600
Church a.m. Attendance 17,250
Churches and Missions 177

In order to reach the membership goal, we must gain nearly 1,600 new members. Thus far three new churches have been organized with a total of 168 new members. This is a great start!

Continued from p. 2

accommodate fast growing congregations, the expansion of a Christian-operated soup kitchen, pastors from a variety of denominations working together on various projects, and a growing number of young people joining churches.

At one recent Sunday service at Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City, 32 teen-agers were baptized. Similar events are being reported in other churches.

The youth membership at Glad Tidings has steadily increased over the last six years, according to youth pastor Terry Barts.

"When I came here six years ago, there were 18 kids in the children's church and six teens," he said.

"Today, there are 100 teens in the teen ministry and 192 children in the children's church. Many of the teens are enrolling in a discipleship program because of their spiritual hunger," said Rev. Barts.

The large increase in young people has resulted in Glad Tidings preparing to open a youth center across from West Carteret High School. The Rev. Barts said the church plans to open the center in the old Grace Baptist sanctuary, directly across from West Carteret High School. Glad Tidings bought the property to build a new sanctuary for its growing congregation. Grace Baptist moved to a new location on Roberts Road in Newport.

The Rev. Barts said the youth center will be open several days a week when high school students get out of school. There will be a snack bar and an area for students to sit and visit. There will be adults on hand to supervise.

It will be used for youth services when Glad Tidings completes its new sanctuary, set for some time in July.

Used by permission. The News-Times.

Two New Churches

Superintendent Long organized two new churches in February. They were the Iglesia Evangelica Christiana in Fuquay Varina, Pastor Luis Manriquez, and the Tarboro La Roca Church, Pastor Manuel Castaneda.

The Church in Fuquay Varina is our oldest Hispanic work. It was begun two years ago as an outreach of the Evangel Church, Pastor William O'Neal. They organized with 30 members. They average between 45 and 50 in attendance. They presently worship in the Evangel Fellowship Hall. They are looking for land to build on.

The La Roca Church began two years ago. They organized with 100 members. Their attendance is around 150. They have also helped to start three other Hispanic congregations. This is a powerful church.

Praise the Lord for these two new congregations.

Leadership – Iglesia Evangelica Christiana

Leadership – La Roca, Tarboro

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - January 1997

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	664	----	630	485
Kinston First	619	----	304	----	321	235
Gospel Tabernacle	529	20	208	13	389	294
The Capital	350	----	204	----	170	226
The First	360	----	196	----	----	----
Tarboro First	214	----	183	----	185	127
Mt. Carmel	336	----	168	----	181	119
Stedman	280	----	167	----	251	161
Greenville First	----	----	162	----	----	80
Shiloh WD	288	44	141	44	187	82
Brentwood	135	----	137	----	150	170
Chadbourn	220	----	134	----	174	104
Lumberton	322	14	132	12	97	97
St. Pauls	176	----	130	----	132	108
Robersonville	202	----	128	----	184	127
Wilson First	----	----	123	----	----	75
Bizzell Grove	163	40	119	42	80	41
Harkers Island	131	----	118	----	65	52
Clinton	271	----	109	----	152	115
Peniel	260	----	107	----	108	60
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	105	13	169	104
Williamston	158	15	103	15	113	72
Millennium	142	36	101	35	90	65
Benson	167	48	96	21	140	89
Harvest Temple	171	65	95	47	107	61
Belfast	129	----	93	----	98	48
Smyrna	----	----	93	----	----	----
St. Paul	----	----	92	----	----	----
Wallace	227	----	85	----	67	57
Spring Hope	65	----	83	----	61	39
Bethany	155	5	81	22	109	45

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Baywood	124	----	80	----	58	58
Hobgood	100	----	79	----	----	----
Roanoke Rapids	----	----	78	----	----	31
Liv. Faith Fellowship	120	----	77	----	86	55
Roper	87	----	75	----	84	64
Evangelistic Temple	----	----	75	----	----	----
St. John	127	----	73	----	34	32
Sharon	99	1	67	1	43	35
Elizabethtown	70	----	67	----	11	12
New Bern First	126	13	66	10	97	33
Ayden	66	----	66	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	108	----	65	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	155	----	65	----	91	34
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	64	----	144	40
Emmanuel	97	----	63	----	60	47
Manley's Grove	135	----	62	----	----	----
Mount Olive	90	----	60	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	71	----	60	----	30	25
Rehobeth	139	----	59	----	60	----
Graham Memorial	100	----	59	----	54	42
Moores Chapel	108	----	58	----	83	49
Wilmington	142	----	56	----	142	28
Westview	112	----	56	----	88	46
Thomas Chapel	123	----	56	----	66	33
Thunder Swamp	89	----	56	----	----	----
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	53	----	7	8
Bridgeton	84	----	52	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	130	----	52	----	----	----
Boardman	210	----	52	----	201	34
Kenly	91	----	51	----	----	----
Midway	110	----	51	----	78	40

	SS Enroll ment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enroll ment	Avg. Att.
Sanford First	94	----	50	----	48	37
Tyndall Grove	85	----	50	----	15	15
Thompson Chapel	104	----	50	----	----	26
Holly Hill	94	----	50	----	72	30
Eastside	49	----	49	----	----	----
Ebenezer	61	----	48	----	46	37
Albritton	74	23	47	23	43	28
Friendship WD	93	----	47	----	56	45
Trinity RMD	90	----	45	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	45	----	65	27
Bethel	88	----	45	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	45	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	92	----	45	----	----	----
Snow Hill	54	----	45	----	----	----
Shiloh FD	91	----	43	----	----	----
Tabernacle	75	----	42	----	----	31
Trinity CD	74	----	42	----	----	----
Goshen	70	----	42	----	36	----
Niagara	152	----	42	----	33	17
Maranatha	74	----	41	----	50	144
Jacksonville	74	----	41	----	54	45
Selma	51	----	41	----	----	----
Reelsboro	92	38	40	45	55	41
Weldon	66	----	36	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	36	----	59	32
St. Matthew	73	----	36	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	53	----	36	----	----	28
Liberty	44	----	36	----	----	----
Faith WD	60	150	35	150	----	----
Shelmerdine	51	----	35	----	----	42
The Genesis	70	----	35	----	----	----
Jones Grove	66	----	32	----	----	----
Spring of Liv. Water	44	----	32	----	36	28
Living Waters	73	----	32	----	89	25
Lowland	32	----	31	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	30	----	28	21
Lyon Memorial	85	----	30	----	----	----
Heritage	58	----	30	----	61	27
Garland	63	----	30	----	----	----

	SS Enroll ment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enroll ment	Avg. Att.
Vanceboro	31	----	30	----	----	----
Bailey	62	----	30	----	19	19
Gospel Net Min.	----	----	29	----	----	14
Grifton	88	----	29	----	45	14
Friendship NBD	38	----	27	----	30	23
Vaughans Chapel	43	----	25	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	25	----	----	29
Grace Community	31	----	24	----	20	14
Black Creek	55	----	23	----	----	----
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	23	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	47	----	23	----	----	----
Aberdeen	80	----	22	----	75	30
New Hope	27	----	22	----	----	----
Alliance	41	----	22	----	41	----
Lamm's Grove	42	----	21	----	----	----
Plymouth	69	----	21	----	----	----
Global Outreach Min.	25	----	21	----	10	7
Middlesex	28	----	21	----	----	----
Red Springs	77	----	21	----	----	----
Shekinah	45	----	21	----	23	16
Independence	30	----	20	----	----	----
Wades Point	52	----	20	----	----	----
Abundant Life	32	----	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	20	----	19	----	----	----
New Covenant	43	18	18	18	28	22
Clayton	29	----	17	----	----	----
Sonlight	----	----	15	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	30	----	11	----	19	----
Alert	57	----	11	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	9	----	----	----
New Life	10	----	7	----	----	----
Windsor	----	----	6	8	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	5	----	----	----
Total:	15,399	----	8,874	519	7,083	4,998
Average:	122	----	65	31	97	61
Count:	126	----	136	----	73	82

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | MAY 1997 | NUMBER 5

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

District Winners of the 100 Point District Conference Evaluation Report

Clinton District	Midway	107 points
Fayetteville District	Mount Carmel	100 points
Goldsboro District	The First Church	88 points
Greenville District	Spring of Living Water	128 points
Lumberton District	Calvary	153 points
Morehead City	Maranatha	133 points
New Bern	Heritage	135 points
Raleigh	Emmanuel	116 points
Rocky Mount	Trinity	119 points
Williamston	Belhaven	125 points
Wilmington	Winter Park	109 points
Wilson	Snow Hill	120 points

Please note below how the evaluation report is calculated. The same procedure will be used for the 1997 statistics to be awarded in the spring of 1998.

New District Conference Reporting and Award System for Year 1997

1) Recognition Banners will no longer be used.

2) District Conference Report (handout) will be changed in content and presentation. The below items will be reported. For example:

Church Name	Pastor's Name	Church Membership	A.M. Worship Attendance	Sunday School Systemic Bible Study Attendance	Regular Receipts	Conference Budget 9%	General Tithe 10%

3) Statistical reporting will be the same as on the monthly reports and as tracked by General Headquarters – a) Church Membership, b) a.m. Worship Attendance, c) Sunday School/Systematic Bible Study.

4) Churches who play full percentage (General Tithe - 10% and Conference Allocation - 9%) will be recognized with an appropriate certificate.

5) Reporting and awards will be on an annual basis.

6) Award system for churches will be based on a 100-point system – see attached sheet.

7) An appropriate "gift" per district will be awarded to the church with the highest number present at District Conference.

8) An appropriate "gift" will be awarded per district to the church with the highest number of points (100-point system).

9) An appropriate GRAND GIFT AWARD will be awarded to the church in the Conference with the highest number of points (100-point system).

10) All awards will b given at the First District Conference per calendar year (beginning in 1997).

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

Local Church
District Conference Evaluation Report
100-Point System

CATEGORY I – 30-plus points *

A. Gain in a.m. Attendance
(5 points for gain - then one point for each % gained) _____

B. Gain in Church Membership
(5 points for gain - then one point for each % gained) _____

C. Gain in Sunday School (Systematic Bible Study)
(5 points for gain - then one point for each % point gained) _____

CATEGORY II – Attendance Points - 20 points

A. Pastor Present – 10 points
(5 points for each District Conference) _____

B. Delegate Present – 10 points
(5 points for each District Conference) _____

CATEGORY III – Financial Support - 45 points

A. General Tithe – 10 percent
(5 points for first 5% - all or no points - then one extra point for each added percent above 5%) _____

B. Conference Allocation – 10 points
(5 points for first 5% - all or no points - then one extra point for each added percent above 5%) _____

C. One extra point if church pays full 19% _____

D. Other Conference Department Support – 15-plus points
(3 points for each – Church Education Ministries, Conference Evangelism, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, WIN, Children's Home, GEMS, Royal Rangers) (extra credit may be realized here). _____

E. Support World Missions and/or USA Evangelism – 5 points _____

F. Support Conference Building Fund – 5 points _____

CATEGORY IV – Promptness of Reports

A. Reports Are Promptly Received in Falcon – 5 points
(Monthly, Semi-Annual, Annual) _____

TOTAL _____

Superannuated Birthdays for May

Rev. R. N. Hood .....May 19
Rev.Garland Edwards .....May 20
Rev. W. M. Watkins .....May 20
Rev. Thomas E. Bizzell .....May 21
Rev. Leonard Leggett .....May 25
Rev. Royce Beacham .....May 29

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA

This morning I attended the funeral of the mother of two of my good friends, Anne Williams and Sue Willis. Today is a beautiful spring day, and the service was held at the graveside. The azaleas are in full bloom. The dogwood blossoms are adorning the landscape. The bumble bees are buzzing. All of nature is coming back to life, but Mrs. Ruth Mae's death had brought us together today. It all brought back so freshly to my mind May 7, 1984, when we laid our precious mother's body to rest. I guess you never really stop missing your mother, and times such as this refresh the memory of such great loss.

However, I left that service very uplifted. Why? because of the words with Brother Jim Forehand spoke to us in celebration of Mrs. Ruth Mae's life. His scripture was brief: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." He talked about our sufferings in this life and how death, for the Christian, is release from suffering. He stressed the fact that God does not enjoy seeing us suffer; and He, through death, brings us to Himself where all sorrow and suffering cease. Death in the human sense is not precious to us. We view it as loss. But God sees it as precious when He can draw one of His own up to His bosom and welcome her home.

But the real sense of joy came to me as Brother Jim continued his message. He related to us how the Holy Spirit is in this world – as guide and comforter to us. When Jesus left earth and removed Himself from the earthly tabernacle, He went back to the Father. He promised to send the Holy Spirit. Since that Upper Room outpouring, the Holy Spirit has been present in the world. In this life, we are privileged to be the dwelling place of this blessed entity of the Godhead. At our demise, our spirit then goes to the Father, and our body is placed in the grave; but that is not the end! Although our bodies leave, the Holy Spirit is still in this world; and He awaits the day when Jesus will return to this earth to claim the bodies of those, who die in the faith, from the graves and to glorify them and rejoin them with the spirit. Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit hovers over the grave of the saint – waiting for that blessed day of resurrection.

What a revelation! On the many occasions that I visit the graves of my parents, I always feel such a special sense of closeness. It is almost a worshipful experience for me. I have always thought it was just my own emotions. Many times, as I have placed flowers on the gravestone, I have silently said, "Moma and Daddy, I know you're not here; but there is such a presence at this place. I can feel a closeness to you here." At times I remember fun experiences we had as a family. At other times I still feel the heavy sense of loss. But always I feel a special appreciation for the comforting presence of the Lord in my life.

Now I realize why the visits to the cemetery are so special. On that hillside beside Holly Hill Church lie the bodies of many saints. The Holy Spirit is swarming among the tombstones there just waiting for the day when the graves will burst open. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Yes indeed, that is why those visits to the cemetery are so inspiring! The Holy Spirit lives in my heart – and He lives in the graveyard as well!

Happy Mother's Day, Moma!

RETREAT – A CELEBRATION OF JOY

More than 700 ladies gathered in Fayetteville for the 1997 NCWM Retreat. The theme "Joy, Joy, Joy" came alive for those present. The Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, and several other hotels at Exit 49 were abuzz with activity as the women gathered. Patsy Deese and district directors welcomed the ladies at the Registration Center at the Holiday Inn. The meetings were held at Northwood Temple Pentecostal Holiness, where Rev. and Mrs. John Hedgepeth so cordially welcomed all. For the Friday evening session, Mrs. Lydia Figueroa opened the service with a beautiful invocation. The Northwood Temple Choir, under the direction of Mr. Buck Hodge, ministered a beautiful performance of music to set the tone for the evening. On Saturday, Miss Fayetteville – Nikita Shah, sang a lovely rendition of *How Great Thou Art*. Nikita is also a member of the Northwood church family. In addition, the Northwood Junior Drama Team performed several skits, and GEMS from the Mt. Carmel Church shared information regarding the GEMS program.

The featured speaker for the event was Mrs. Marilyn Meberg, noted author and speaker from

Northwood Temple Choir Welcome by Faye Hedgepeth

Speaker Marilyn Meberg

Palm Desert, California. Marilyn, along with Patsy Clairmont, Barbara Johnson and Luci Swindoll, travels over the USA presenting the *Women of Faith* conferences. With wisdom and laughter, Marilyn shared her secrets to finding joy in life's journey. She reminded those present of the scripture: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." On Friday evening, she shared her personal experiences – some very painful – where humor and the joy of the Lord helped her to endure. She suggested that women need to "take their medicine" of laughter and joy. On Saturday morning, Marilyn caused the ladies to do some soul searching as she challenged them to "take off the masks" that women wear to hide their true feelings. Her message encouraged all not to take themselves so seriously that they fail to obtain the joy that God intends for them.

Nikita Shah
1996-97 Miss Fayetteville

The ladies especially enjoyed the unique manner in which door prizes were distributed and the fun qualifying for one. The Afterglow on Friday evening following the service and the Saturday morning snack table were special pluses for this year's event. Participant evaluations indicated high approval of the total event.

Women who attend the retreats say they begin to make plans for the next year's retreat when they leave the current one. The 1998 Retreat is scheduled to b e held near Raleigh at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel on March 6 & 7. The featured speaker is Mrs. Wanda Getty Brickner, soloist with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir from Brooklyn, N.Y.

NOTE: We recommend the book, *The Joyful Journey*, written by Marilyn, Patsy, Barbara & Luci. Also, they have available a daily devotion book entitled, *Joy Breaks*. Ask for them at your favorite Christian book store.

TODAY'S WOMAN OF PROVERBS

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

31:10 An excellent wife is hard to find. She cannot be bought with expensive jewels or fancy sports cars. Her inner beauty cannot be purchased; it is far greater than money can buy.

31:11 Her husband trusts her with all of his possessions. He is not concerned that she will drain the checkbook or run up the charge account for her own whims. Rather, she will help to save and economize in order to establish financial security.

31:12 She is a devoted helpmeet for his good, a "responder" to his love, and one who enjoys the fulfillment of her husband.

31:13 She decorates the home, keeps the house tidy and makes the home a joyful haven for her family.

31:14 She shops wisely at the local supermarket for the best buys in food and provides well-balanced nutritious meals that are attractively served.

31:15 She rises early in the morning and serves a good breakfast to her family before starting her daily schedule.

31:16 She does what she can, whether by Tupperware parties or a daily profession, to help contribute to the family income.

31:17 She walks, runs or otherwise exercises her body to keep physically fit and strong.

31:18 She senses when her muscles are well-toned, because she can keep up with busy pace of her family well into the evening.

31:19 She picks up her needlepoint when she sits down, and keeps her hands busy with handiwork.

31:20 She makes time to assist the needy, making soup and casseroles for the sick neighbors and arranging time for volunteer charity work for the poor.

31:21 She is a season ahead, planning what warm winter clothes will be needed for the family before the snow begins to fall.

31:22 She selects her own wardrobe carefully and is well-groomed in modest apparel. She is not seen outside her home in an unkempt manner; nor does she dress to gain attention.

31:23 Her husband is a respected person among the leaders of the community.

31:24 She operates a ladies' boutique from her home (better known as a garage sale), selling items which she has made.

31:25 Charm and self-confidence are her characteristics, and she faces the future with joy and hope.

31:26 She speaks with wisdom from studying the Word of God, and her life in an example of kindness to others.

31:27 She manages her home with great care and does not sit around idly, watching TV or gossiping with friends on the phone.

31:28 Her children love and respect her, and her husband sings her praises, saying,

31:29 "You, my dear, are the greatest woman God could have given me."

31:30 A charming and beautiful woman can be deceiving, but a woman who reveres the Lord shall be praised.

31:31 Her children and her community, who know her well, will see all that she done and will admire and praise her.

Copied

CONVENTION TIME

June 7th is the date for the 1997 Convention. Each WM should send a delegation to represent the local Women's Ministries. General WM Board Member, Rev. Rene Ross, from Oklahoma, is the speaker scheduled for this event. A special feature planned for the day will be the booths in the Cafeteria for local WM groups to display their sales items during registration hour and following the convention. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:30. The registration fee is $10 per local WM group. Complete information will be sent to local directors.

A COOL SUMMER DISH...

Cold Chicken Salad

1 chicken (boil, de-skin, de-bone & cut into bite size pieces)
3 or 4 stalks celery, diced
3 green onions, diced
1 cup red seedless grapes, halved
1/2 cup pecans, toasted & broken in pieces
Salt to taste
1/2 cup Lite Miracle Whip
1/2 cup lowfat sour cream or yogurt

Mix chicken together with other ingredients. Serve on a bed of lettuce with French or sourdough bread. This makes a wonderful summer meal.

(Recipe from Joyce DeMent, lifted from *Women's Touch* magazine)

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

LOCAL COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

The Conference Evangelism Ministries is sponsoring a week of local church computer workshops to aid churches in using the computer for more effective ministry and outreach. The workshops are the week of May 12 through 16.

They are as follows:

May 12	Chadbourn Church	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
May 13	Robersonville Church	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
May 15	New Bern Church	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
May 16	Falcon	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The speaker and presenter is Rev. Joe Iaquinta from Oklahoma City. Brother Iaquinta heads up the computer ministries for the denomination, called N.E.T. (New Evangelism Technology). He does an excellent job for the denomination in this area.

Brother Iaquinta and his staff have recently developed a software package exclusively for Pentecostal Holiness Churches. This church information system will include accounting, management, membership tracking, attendance tracking, reporting, etc. In the workshops Brother Iaquinta will be demonstrating this new package. Hopefully, he will have units on hand to sell.

Ministers and **laity** should attend these workshops. (Ministers may earn 2 CEU credits for attending). The workshops will be beneficial for those who presently use the computer and those who do not. It will be extremely helpful to those who wish to use the computer as a tool for more effective ministry.

No registration fee nor pre-registration is required. Anyone may attend.

The purpose of the workshop is not to teach the basics on how to use the computer, but **rather** how the computer may be used in ministry. A question/answer time will be held.

All churches should have representatives present.

HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY MAY 18

Pentecost Sunday, 1997 (May 18) has been designated by the N.C. Conference Board as Home Missions Sunday. Every church is encouraged to have a special prayer time for home and local evangelism. Pray especially for the birthing of the Hispanic Ministries within the Conference. Churches have been established but much is yet to be done. The Conference Evangelism Ministries would welcome any love offerings to help with the outreach to our Hispanic brothers.

1996 – A FRUITFUL YEAR

The Conference ended the year with 22,989 members. This is ahead of our Target 2,000 Goal of 22,800. This was increase of 933 members – a 4.2% increase. The Sunday a.m. attendance increased by 949/Sunday to an average of 15,872 (6.4% increase). Thirteen new churches started. The Conference ended the year with 176 churches and Church Type Missions.

The Conference began the year with one Hispanic minister. The year closed with eight ordained, five licensed, and three mission workers. The Conference presently has 13 Hispanic outreaches (churches) that are meeting. Three of these are organized.

Praise the Lord for a great year of souls saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Spirit and joined the church.

FAITHFUL PASTORS

Praise the Lord for Faithful Pastors. It has been said that "Pastors are the key to effective church ministry." That is certainly true. This month we recognize those pastors whose churches earned them an Appreciation Gift for 1996 World Missions Giving. These churches increased their total missions giving or "GO" Offering by at least $500. Some other gifts are also represented.

We congratulate each of these winners and challenge them to do it again for 1997.

NC CONFERENCE
Appreciation Gift Winners 1997
(For 1996 Giving)

$100 Gift Certificates for Conference Winners

1. Largest Total Overall Giving
   Pastor John Hedgepeth, Northwood Temple

apel

g

ners

. . . .Clinton First
Vaughan's Chapel
orthwood Temple
. .Harkers Island
. . . . . .Ayden
. .Lyon Memorial
. . . . . .Whitley
. .Harvest Temple
. . . . . .Stedman
. . . . . .Vanceboro
. . . . . .Bethany
.Holland's Chapel
. .Hodges Chapel
riendship, Wilson
. . . . .Wilson First
. . . . . .Reelsboro
. . . . . .Smyrna
.Pikes Crossroads
. . . . . .Saint John
. . .Mount Carmel
. . .Trinity, Dunn
. . .Shiloh, Wilson
. . .New Covenant
Grace Community
. . . . . .Bridgeton
. . . . . .Sharon
. . . . . .Penderlea
. . . . . .New Vision
. . . . . .New Hope
. . . . .Shelmerdine
. . . .Robersonville
. . . . . .Roper
. . .Living Waters
. . . . . .Faith
. . . . . .Maranatha
. . . . . .Tabernacle
, Roanoke Rapids
. . . . . .Brentwood
. . . . . .Belfast
. . .Westmoreland
e First, Goldsboro
. .Greenville First
. . .Elizabethtown
. . . . . .Holly Hill
. . . . . .Benson
. . .Scotland Neck
.Williamston First
. . . . .Jacksonville
. . . . . .Wallace
. . . .Independence

$75 District Director Gifts

1. Highest "GO" Increase by District
   Rev. Vance Harrell – Morehead City

2. Highest Total Giving Increase by District
   Rev. Jimmy Swinson – Clinton District

PASTOR APPRECIATION GIFTS 1997

World Evangelization Giving

World Missions Ministries
and Evangelism USA

Local Churches

Each pastor with a **$1,000 or more increase** over last year's total world missions giving will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

Each pastor with a **$500 or more increase** over last year in the Global Outreach Offering will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

No more than one gift will be awarded per church.

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources will be given in each conference (one certificate per category) as shown below:

- Largest Total Overall Giving
- Largest GO Percentage Increase
  ($500 minimum total offering)
- Largest Overall Per Capita Giving
  ($500 minimum total offering)

Departments of Evangelism and World Mis

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!

LOCAL COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

The Conference Evangelism Ministries is sponsoring a week of local church computer workshops to aid churches in using the computer for more effective ministry and outreach. The workshops are the week of May 12 through 16.

They are as follows:

May 12	Chadbourn Church	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
May 13	Robersonville Church	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
May 15	New Bern Church	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
May 16	Falcon	7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The speaker and presenter is Rev. Joe Iaquinta from Oklahoma City. Brother Iaquinta heads up the computer ministries for the denomination, called N.E.T. (New Evangelism Technology). He does an excellent job for the denomination in this area.

Brother Iaquinta and his staff have recently developed a software package exclusively for Pentecostal Holiness Churches. This church information system will include accounting, management, membership tracking, attendance tracking, reporting, etc. In the workshops Brother Iaquinta will be demonstrating this new package. Hopefully, he will have units on hand to sell.

Ministers and **laity** should attend these workshops. (Ministers may earn 2 CEU credits for attending). The workshops will be beneficial for those who presently use the computer and those who do not. It will be extremely helpful to those who wish to use the computer as a tool for more effective ministry.

No registration fee nor pre-registration is required. Anyone may attend.

The purpose of the workshop is not to teach the basics on how to use the computer, but **rather** how the computer may be used in ministry. A question/answer time will be held.

All churches should have representatives present.

HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY MAY 18

Pentecost Sunday, 1997 (May 18) has been designated by the N.C. Conference Board as Home Missions Sunday. Every church is encouraged to have a special prayer time for home and lo
birthing of the H
Churches have
done. The Con
welcome any lov
our Hispanic bro

199

The Conferen
This is ahead of
increase of 933
a.m. attendance
15,872 (6.4% in
The Conference
Church Type Mis

The Confere
minister. The
licensed, and t
presently has 13
meeting. Three o

Praise the L
sanctified, bapti
church.

FA

Praise the Lor
"Pastors are the
certainly true. Th
churches earned
Missions Giving
missions giving o
gifts are also repr

We congratula
to do it again for

App

$100 Gift Ce

1. Largest To
Pastor Joh

2. Largest "GO" Percentage Increase
   Pastor Reuben Mosley, Vaughan's Chapel

3. Largest Conference Per Capita Giving
   Pastor David Wheeler, Clinton First

$75 Gift Certificate Winners

1. Pastor David Wheeler ..... Clinton First
2. Pastor Reuben Mosley ..... Vaughan's Chapel
3. Pastor John Hedgepeth ..... Northwood Temple
4. Pastor Clayton Guthrie ..... Harkers Island
5. Pastor Gary Webber ..... Ayden
6. Pastor Dallas Gurganus ..... Lyon Memorial
7. Pastor Ferrell Hardison ..... Whitley
8. Pastor Fred Jones ..... Harvest Temple
9. Pastor Randal Strickland ..... Stedman
10. Pastor Aubrey Spear ..... Vanceboro
11. Pastor Phillip Bland ..... Bethany
12. Pastor Thad White ..... Holland's Chapel
13. Pastor Robert Ormond ..... Hodges Chapel
14. Pastor Emmett Turner ..... Friendship, Wilson
15. Pastor Merrill Davis ..... Wilson First
16. Pastor Steve Willis ..... Reelsboro
17. Pastor Vance Harrell ..... Smyrna
18. Pastor Tim Creel ..... Pikes Crossroads
19. Pastor Richard Parson ..... Saint John
20. Pastor Gary Strickland ..... Mount Carmel
21. Pastor Hill Teachey ..... Trinity, Dunn
22. Pastor Ralph Leggett ..... Shiloh, Wilson
23. Pastor Dale Eatmon ..... New Covenant
24. Pastor Ronnie Gurganus ..... Grace Community
25. Pastor Kenneth Dixon ..... Bridgeton
26. Pastor Paul Jackson ..... Sharon
27. Pastor Pauline Knowles ..... Penderlea
28. Pastor Keith Rouse ..... New Vision
29. Pastor Annie Norman ..... New Hope
30. Pastor R. L. Downing ..... Shelmerdine
31. Pastor Noah Barefoot ..... Robersonville
32. Pastor John L. Hinson ..... Roper
33. Pastor Ricky Nelms ..... Living Waters
34. Pastor Frederick Dixon ..... Faith
35. Pastor Marty Warren ..... Maranatha
36. Pastor Berry House ..... Tabernacle
37. Pastor Lotis Joyner ..... Trinity, Roanoke Rapids
38. Pastor Julian Thompson ..... Brentwood
39. Pastor James E. Herring ..... Belfast
40. Pastor Ed Woolard ..... Westmoreland
41. Pastor Jimmy Whitfield ..... The First, Goldsboro
42. Pastor David Wood ..... Greenville First
43. Pastor Jeff Brown ..... Elizabethtown
44. Pastor Robert Whaley ..... Holly Hill
45. Pastor L. B. Collins ..... Benson
46. Pastor Anthony Smith ..... Scotland Neck
47. Pastor W. A. Mills ..... Williamston First
48. Pastor Raymond Whitehurst ..... Jacksonville
49. Pastor Tommy McLaurin ..... Wallace
50. Pastor Randy Medlin ..... Independence

$75 District Director Gifts

1. Highest "GO" Increase by District
   Rev. Vance Harrell – Morehead City

2. Highest Total Giving Increase by District
   Rev. Jimmy Swinson – Clinton District

PASTOR APPRECIATION GIFTS 1997

World Evangelization Giving

World Missions Ministries
and Evangelism USA

Local Churches

Each pastor with a **$1,000 or more increase** over last year's total world missions giving will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

Each pastor with a **$500 or more increase** over last year in the Global Outreach Offering will receive a gift certificate in the amount of $75 from LifeSprings Resources.

No more than one gift will be awarded per church.

Conferences

Three $100 gift certificates from LifeSprings Resources will be given in each conference (one certificate per category) as shown below:

- Largest Total Overall Giving
- Largest GO Percentage Increase
  ($500 minimum total offering)
- Largest Overall Per Capita Giving
  ($500 minimum total offering)

For all he's done for you, remember Dad on Father's Day

June 15

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY VERSUS ABORTION

I've recently given much thought about the tragic sin of abortion. It has only been in relatively recent times that the Supreme Court of the United States of America upheld this "politically correct" murder in the landmark *Roe versus Wade* decision. The latest statistics reveal that 1.6 million babies are aborted each year. Beginning in 1973 that accounts for a loss of more than 38,400 babies. That's an average of 768,000 per state. Over the past 24 years, that is an average of 32,000 per state per year. I rejoice in knowing these babies are now in the presence of Jesus, eternally saved from sin and the scalpel of supposedly caring medical professionals. However, I regret that these precious little children, for whom Christ died, are rendered a "burden to society" and therefore, are said to have "no redeeming social qualities." What a tragedy!

Do you remember the bombing of Korean Airline 007 in the mid-eighties? How appalled the Western world was at the very thought of then-communist Russia destroying 269 innocent lives. Yet the principle that drives a society to accept abortion as a proper method of birth control is the same one that motivated the Russians to shoot down KAL 007. The principle is an anti-scriptural view of life. Purely and simply, any nation's view of life will determine its view of God. And when our view of life is low, so is our view of God.

Let me ask this question. What is your view of Systematic Bible Study? For most, this is best-known as Sunday School; but it is not limited to that. It includes weekday or evening Bible studies, home cell groups, and certainly the Pastor's class on Wednesday night. An improper view of the importance of Systematic Bible Study causes spiritual abortion in the church. How is Systematic Bible Study aborted? In the first place, a lack of budget contributes to the process. This is a problem of the church, not an individual. An adequate budget for Systematic Bible Study ensures more participation from more people. On the other hand, lack of financial planning for dynamic Bible study guarantees its death. Items to be included in the budget are overhead projectors, video projectors, multimedia equipment, maybe even a computer. Of course, include the total cost of training for instructors as an annually budgeted item. By total cost, I mean travel expenses, registration fees, meals while at the seminar, and some money to purchase materials for use in the Systematic Bible Study. The value of the benefits exceeds the depth of the costs.

Also, a lack of lesson preparation aborts the Systematic Bible Study. This is a personal problem and not a church problem. Teachers who do not prepare adequately will not become boring; they already *are* boring. The abundant supply of resources available today should inspire any person desiring to teach the inestimable treasures of the Word of God. Plainly stated, there is neither reason nor excuse for inadequate preparation. It always undermines the Systematic Bible Study. This is perhaps the main reason for the abortion of the Systematic Bible Study. But you can stop it!

Finally, a lack of organization will abort the Systematic Bible Study. This is a leadership problem. We can be better organized by observing such details as regular staff meetings or keeping current numerical and financial records. I would also suggest keeping a directory of each staff member which includes their training history. Give consideration to setting minimum training requirements for Systematic Bible Study instructors. When we view the Sunday School and all Systematic Bible Study as important enough to be thoroughly organized, it stems the rising tide of aborted Systematic Bible Study ministry.

Thirty-eight million four hundred thousand people murdered since January of 1973. I wonder how many of those would have been in our Systematic Bible Study classes?

Royal Rangers POW WOW

July 31 - August 2, 1997 **CAMP TUSCARORA**

Church _____ Senior Commander _____

Address _____ City _____ NC Zip _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Those who will attend: (Please reproduce this form to list additional names)

NAME	DIVISION

Total Number Attending: _____

Total Registration Fee: _____

COST

$10 per person if application and fees are received before June 28, 1997. After June 28, 1997, the registration fee will increase to $17 per person.

FULL REGISTRATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM!

Send Check Earmarked "Pow Wow" to:

Christian Education Department
P. O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342

Phone: (910) 980-1162 Fax: (910) 980-1634

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

C281.1
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | JUNE 1997 | NUMBER 6

Celebrate Father's Day June 15, 1997

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Ephesians 6:1-3

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

Among the many team members the Lord has given us are our Mission Workers. Some of them have served the church and conference for many years without adequate recognition. One of those unsung heroines is the writer of the following article. (Mrs. Lida Mae Rogers is a member of the Bizzell Grove Church in the Goldsboro District.)

The Life of a Mission Worker

Greetings in the name of Jesus, a name that is above every name, a name that brings completeness to a life of commitment!

The call, the concern and the compassion gripped my heart for humanity some 50 years ago by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It has not been a chore but a challenge to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and the pentecostal faith since becoming a licensed mission worker in His church. It has taken a deep consecration and a daily Christian worship separated from the worldly things in life.

The call to be a mission worker has been far more than a secular opportunity in a life of clerical profession. It has been a joy, a peace of mind, and a knowledge of understanding self and to a degree of understanding others around me.

I well remember being given the little report book with its carbon sheet inside. I made a promise to use it to send my reports to the North Carolina Conference for my activities for the Lord. This promise was made to a charge given me at the time I was issued Mission Worker's license. It wasn't a task hard to keep because the report wasn't something I had done, but what had been accomplished through me, a channel to deliver good news.

There were those Saturdays with lunch on the tables outside the church after a district conference session with the roll call of ministers and then standing giving an oral report of what my status was as a mission worker. Time has changed a lot of things. However, the method of getting the good news of the gospel about Jesus Christ may have changed in certain ways, but the most wonderful message that mankind has ever heard is still the same, and it brings the same results.

My comrades of the same faith of pentecost have brought to my heart the description of a togetherness which could have come from no other source than the anointing and call of the Holy Spirit. My life as a mission worker has been that of a discovery agency not just for advancement for those I've labored with but for the spiritual growth of self.

I remember well the late Rev. W. Eddie Morris who served as superintendent of the North Carolina Conference. He issued me my mission worker's license in the year of 1950. A statesman of God whose instructions at the time meant a book of knowledge to me having been a novice in the work of the Lord. Rev. Morris' contribution was an asset to my ministry and as a woman to the extent that the call of a mission worker was to be held in consecration of a full life of holiness with no exceptions. He stressed the point of being faithful to my calling, having no respect of persons and always putting God first in preaching the gospel. He related to me that being a wife and mother wasn't going to be an easy route to follow. But God, who placed the call on my heart, would always be there in the difficult times as in the good times. Rev. Morris' leadership in those early years of being a mission worker kept me from wavering and on a straight course.

The Rev. J. Doner Lee, a man of great faith and confidence in those whom he served as superintendent following Bro. Morris, continued to stir and steer my life in a pattern of being firm, steadfast and unmoveable in the doctrine of holiness. Many times his assignments were faith building challenges which pointed me in the right direction in soul winning.

It was the late Rev. Ralph Johnson who enlightened my understanding through the Scriptures in my stewardship in the management of currency received from services rendered. His readiness to tease and, yes, instruct was something that coupled together with the motto, "serve up front first."

To the pastors of different churches over the years who have opened their doors for me to service in their pulpits, I say "thank you." I deeply appreciate the opportunity to have worked with you. Revivals, prayer meetings, and testimony services brought outstanding results. To God be the glory.

I cannot forget my late husband, Tommie Hubert Rogers who stood by me in the ministry. The unnumbered things he did to assist me those 34 years before he went to be with Jesus. His reward is that which he well deserves because of his faithfulness to the cause of Christ.

Today is some 47 years later from the beginning of a destination for me a mission worker, however, the fact of rendering service to people in finding Christ as their Savior remains the same. There have been no detours along the way. What was expected earlier is expected in the present generation.

Continued on page 7

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

N E W S

CHURCH NEWS

Ninety-Eighth
1900-1997
Anniversary

1997 FALCON CAMP MEETING

JULY 20 - 27, 1997
CULBRETH AUDITORIUM
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 20
6:30 p.m.. – Rev. James Pennington

MONDAY, JULY 21
9:30 a.m.. – Devotional
Rev. Bob Ely
11:00 a.m. – Rev. James Pennington
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. _ Evangelistic Service
Rev. Bob Ely

TUESDAY, JULY 22
9:30 a.m. – Devotional
Rev. James Pennington
11:00 a.m. – Rev. Bob Ely
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Evangelistic Service
Rev. James Pennington

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
9:30 a.m. – Devotional Service
Rev. Bob Ely
11:00 a.m. – Rev. James Pennington
12:30 p.m. – Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Evangelistic Service
Bob Ely

THURSDAY, JULY 24
9:30 a.m. – Devotional service
Rev. James Pennington
11:00 a.m. – Rev. Bob Ely
12:30 p.m. – Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Evangelistic Service
Rev. James Pennington

FRIDAY, JULY 25
9:30 p.m. – Promotional Conference
Rev. James Leggett, Presiding Officer
3:45 p.m. – Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 p.m. – 1997 Superannuated Ministers' Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Evangelistic Service
Rev. Bob Ely

SATURDAY, JULY 26
9:30 a.m. – Devotional Service
Rev. James Pennington
11:00 a.m. – Rev. Bob Ely
6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. – Youth Emphasis
Director Bobby Forehand

SUNDAY, JULY 27
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
Rev. Bobby Forehand
11:00 a.m. – Worship
Superintendent Elwood Long
3:30 p.m. – Singspiration
Director Danny Meads
6:00 p.m. – World Evangelism Emphasis
Director Thompson
Message: Rev. Bob Ely

– SPECIAL NOTE –

Continuing Education Units will be awarded ministers who attend the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Bible Classes and Promotional Conference. A minimum of 6 credits will be offered.

ALL SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J. A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE

YOU'RE INVITED!

Superannuated Birthdays for June

Rev. John Slye . . . . . .June 9
Rev. Haywood Price . . . . . .June 11
Rev. Harvey Morris . . . . . .June 13
Rev. Lalleon Narron . . . . . .June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield . . . . . .June 29

Vick's Chapel Church News

Sister Hazel Parker

December 25, 1911 - March 21, 1997

Sister Parker was a charter member of the Vicks Chapel Church. She was a loyal dedicated member and one known for her love of God in the church and community as well. She held many positions over the years, was a liberal contributor of funds, willing to step in and help out when needed to make a church payment, light bill, etc. Her zeal and witness will live on; many family members will follow her example of faith. She is survived by daughter, Marie Baker, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted March 23, 1997, at Johnson Funeral Home, Rocky Mount, NC by Pastor Rev. S.W. Webb and former Paster Rev. Dempsey Winstead.

– Pastor Rev. Webb

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA

JUNE...the month that brings summer...the month of brides...and the very significant day that we celebrate as FATHER'S DAY. Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, started Father's Day in 1910; and the custom spread throughout the United States. In 1936, a national day was set aside to honor the fathers of America. We celebrate this day on the third Sunday of each June. This is a day to express gratitude and appreciation to those special people from whose bloodline we are born. It is a time to reflect upon the blessing of one who stands guard for his family as the spiritual leader. It is a time to say thanks for the provisions he has made for our livelihood.

As I look toward Father's Day each year, I am reminded that I was very blessed to have had a good father. He worked hard to support his wife and six children. He had just enough mischief in him to make him a fun person; but, on the other side, he was stern enough that we always knew who was in charge. Although my father was not a Christian during my childhood, he always supported our mother in seeing that she and all we children were in Sunday School and Church every time the doors opened. He was well-known in our area and noted as a man of integrity. With his bright blue eyes and handsome appearance, his pleasant personality was a trademark in the community. He was honored and respected. He was the perfect example of a good moral person who just couldn't seem to make that step toward Calvary in repentance. On the occasions he attended church with us, he was under strong conviction.

My daddy had a godly mother who had prayed for him until her dying day. My mother was very close to her, and they shared the burden for his soul. Although, Grandmoma Lula died at a young age, her prayers continued to follow my father. My mother held on to the belief that he would someday give his heart to the Lord. Many years passed. We children all grew up and made homes of our own. In his early sixties, Daddy had a mild stroke. Over the next few years, he had many other complications and finally a severe stroke which left him in quite a degraded physical condition. His mental capabilities were so degenerated that much of the time he seemed totally out of touch with us. At this point in time, our family took on the responsibility of caring for him and our mother (who was also in poor health). What a blessing it is to have a close and loving family. Not only the children, but the in-laws as well, took shifts and waited on my Daddy just as if he were a small child. As grim as this picture is, we look back now and see the humor of many situations that we encountered.

The most special event that took place during this period is one of the greatest highlights of my life. It was on April 30th, my dad's birthday. The family had all been for a visit, and we had celebrated with birthday cake. He had experienced quite a restless day, and I was trying to get him settled down for the night. (That was quite a chore with someone in his mental condition.) He was very confused, and his conversation made little sense. Once I got him into bed, I sat down on the side of the bed and started talking calmly with him about the day's activities...the fact that the children and grandchildren had been for a visit, that we had a party, that this had been a special day. At that point the Holy Spirit led me into a conversation regarding his birthday. I shared with him that 65 years earlier he had been born to Pa Jenk and Grandmoma Lula Morris. I talked to him about how his mother had prayed for him as he grew up. As the conversation progressed, he began to cry. I felt the urge of the Holy Spirit to tell him that his birthday would be a good day to be born again. When I asked him if he wanted to ask Jesus into his heart, he said he did. We prayed together the sinner's prayer. He spoke as clearly and sanely as I had ever heard him speak. When the prayer was finished, he went right back into his restlessness. I sat there with him for a long time as he settled back into his unintelligible mode. After a while, Moma came to the room to see what was taking me so long in getting him settled. I told her that we had a special time together. Knowing that Daddy now was not in an understanding condition, I turned to him and said, "Daddy, don't you want to tell Moma what you just did?" As quickly as the blink of any eye, he calmed right down and as clearly and knowingly as I had ever heard him speak, he said to her, "I just got saved." Needless to say, we both knew this was a miracle. For him to pray the sinner's prayer was a miracle in itself; but for him to remember it 20 minutes later was a double miracle.

Physically, he was beyond the stage of comprehending what went on; but spiritually, God had opened his heart and his eyes to the Old Rugged Cross one more time. I believe as Jesus stretched His nail-scarred hands to him that night, he reached out to Jesus and accepted Him as his Savior. He lived two more years after that experience. His physical condition worsened until on Christmas morning of 1980, Jesus reached out His arms again to him and invited him home.

How happy I am today that I can celebrate Father's Day knowing that my Daddy is resting with God. What joyful anticipation I have at the thought of meeting him again in Heaven! I'm so glad my grandmother stored up those prayers for Daddy. I'm so glad that my mother held on to God in his behalf. I'm so grateful to God to have witnessed my father's repentance.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for bringing this pleasant memory to my mind as we celebrate Father's Day 1997.

GEMS RETREATS AND CONVENTION

North Carolina GEMS had a busy April and May. They celebrated GEMS Day on April 13. All across the conference, GEMS presented programs in their local churches. The girls were honored in different ways, and many of them received badges they had earned. (See photos of Peniel GEMS and Holly Hill GEMS).

Due to limited housing facilities in Falcon, two separate retreats

Holly Hill GEMS Day. Sponsors: Peggie Mills, Myrt Morris, Sandra McCandless, Susan Mills.

Peniel GEMS Day. Maggie Crumpler, Sponsor.

were held. The first one was April 18 & 19 and was attended by girls from one half of the conference. The second was on May 2 & 3 and was attended by girls from the other half of the conference. A total of 280 girls and sponsors attended these events. They enjoyed a devotional time, various games and activities, and each group gave a talent presentation. They also ate lots of pizza!

N.C. Conference GEMS Retreat

The 1997 GEMS Convention was a 25th Year Anniversary Celebration. Former GEMS Directors and leaders gave highlights of GEMS in North Carolina since its official organization (then as Girls Auxiliary) in 1972. We hope to share more details of this event with you in next month's *Evangel*.

Sandra McCandless (GEMS Director) and her board, Ruth Foley, Sarah Fuquay & Elaine Stalls are doing a great job leading this program in North Carolina. Hats off to them!!!

TRINITY W.M. TELLS US...

(The following article was submitted by Marjorie Jo Jordan, Reporter for the Trinity Women's Ministries of Halifax, NC. Thank you, Marjorie, for sharing with us.)

The Lewis Family sings a song that says, "I'm an old chunk of coal, but I'm going to be a diamond some day." It is not only a good song, but it is a true one. The Word of God tells us in Acts 5:3..."But we glory in tribulations also; knowing this that tribulation worketh patience." The Greek word for tribulation is *thilipsis*, which means "burdened, anguish, affliction, trouble, persecution."

When you look at an old piece of coal, it has had to go through a lot of burdens, anguish, affliction, trouble and persecution just to become a piece of old black coal. The heat, the pressure, the cold, the wind, the sun, and the snow are all a part of what it goes through just to become a piece of coal. Well, in order for it to become a diamond, it has to go through all those things again; and when it endures these things, it becomes a beautiful stone. Acts 14:22 confirms the souls of the disciples (that is every one of us) and exhorts them to continue in the faith and teaches that we must go through much tribulation to enter into the kingdom of God.

The parallel here is that we all, at one time or another, have been an old chunk of coal (lost and undone) and on our way to hell. We all have to go through the persecutions of this world so that we can become the diamonds that God wants us to be. We have to hear the Word of God, believe and receive, and then tell what wonderful things our Lord and Savior has done for us.

We, the ladies of Trinity PH Church in Halifax, are rejoicing in all the blessings that our Heavenly Father is pouring out on us. Our Women's Ministries is no different from any of yours. We have worked hard and together to accomplish some of the goals that have been established for us. Like every other group, we have not done our best in some areas. Yet, we are going through much tribulation to get where we ought to be.

We have just elected a new slate of officers for the coming year and are proud to have Pam Robinson, Ann Smith, Nina Hutchinson, Priscilla Edwards and Mythal Adams serving as our leaders. Along with the other ladies of Trinity, we have resolved that "together we can do more."

Our former WM officers did a good job, and when they left office, they decided to use the monies in the treasury to make a payment on our church. Not every group of leaders would have the fortitude to empty the treasury and allow the new slate of officers to start afresh. But, thanks be to God and to our officers who went before us, they have confidence to put us on our own. Now we will work together, looking to the now and to the future, not back at the past. Yes, we will have trials and tribulations and anguish and persecutions, burdens, trouble and afflictions, but together we can do it!

Pray for us as we go forth in the name of Jesus that we will continue to work together, pray together, visit together, and do all things together to build up the kingdom of God and the women of Trinity PH Church. We are working together to become those "Diamonds for God."

PRAYER NUGGET

Elaine Cooper Kester writes in OPEN TO GOD'S WORD, "I used to wonder what to pray about when my mind seemed blank. Then I read a book about George Mueller, a great man of faith, who established orphanages in England during the 1800's. Mueller said he tried to pray first and then read the scriptures, but he would remain on his knees with very little to say. His prayer life was rejuvenated when he began to open God's Word first. Here, he found words to say what was in his heart, but not on his tongue. Now, as I meditate on the Psalms, I learn how to pray for deliverance. When I study the Gospels, I am motivated to trust our Savior for answers. The Epistles urge me to practice humility and to love others. Since I adopted this method, my prayer life has changed. I have found the elements of praise and thanksgiving, words to confess sin and guilt, words to comfort and support other believers, ways to describe God's attributes, and guidance for each situation.

Submitted by Janice Marshburn
NCWM Director of Intercession

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 6 – Blanche King Scholarship Fund Offering

AUGUST 5 & 6 – General WM Convention in Kansas City, MO

AUGUST 31 – Mail in Christmas Missions Offerings

SEPTEMBER – Feast of Ingathering Offerings

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Hispanic service

FIRST HISPANIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On Wednesday night, April 23, history was made within the N.C. Conference. The first ever Hispanic (Spanish-Speaking) District Conference was held. The service was held at the Calvary Temple Church in Rocky Mount. The La Roca Church, Rocky Mount, which uses the Calvary Temple Church, was the host church.

Some nine churches were represented at the Conference. One hundred eighteen were present. Rev. Wesley Potter preached. Our own Rev. Lydia Figueroa interpreted and rendered the special music. The host church under the direction of Pastor Salmodio Ramirez and worship leaders led in the congregational singing. Rev. Miguel Figueroa, assisted by Rev. Chris Thompson, led the service.

It was a great time in the Lord. The Lord's presence was powerful in the services. There was much rejoicing. God is at work in the N.C. Conference with a Spanish-speaking outreach.

May the Lord bless our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters in Christ. May He help us and them as we reach out together to those who are lost. The North Carolina Conference is experiencing phenomenal growth in the number of Hispanics living within the Conference. Praise the Lord for the efforts of so many of our Conference churches to reach them.

On Monday night, June 2, the Conference will be hosting its third Hispanic minister training. The topic will be stewardship and tithing. Rev. John Parker will be teaching the class. He has taught all these classes to date and has done an excellent job. Brother Parker has been a great source of help and advice.

Revs. Miguel and Lydia Figueroa of Fayetteville serve as Hispanic liaisons of the Conference. They assist Brother Thompson in many ways with the Hispanic churches. At times they have been real live savers.

Rev. Antonio Ortiz, who has been a great help in starting new Hispanic churches, is no longer a member of the Conference. He has returned to Massachusetts to live.

Anyone desiring to work in Hispanic ministry or who would desire to help start a Hispanic church (building, etc.), should contact Director Thompson at the Conference Office.

Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home

NEW MISSIONS HOME
: Culbreth Evans Missions Home

Falcon has recently
of the International
ions Ministries of
greed for the N.C.
ome for itinerating

nan of God. She had
Those who know her,
lden Years Nursing
ed of prayer. Several
husband, Rev. T. O.
es.
by Falcon residents,
loss of his first wife.
the builder of the
mp Meeting. At his
T. O. Evans, former
e. She is a woman of
been a joy to know
rd, the Pentecostal
e Lord for this great
y to the Pentecostal

In lieu of this gift and the need of housing for campus ministries, the Conference Missions Home will move from the apartment in the Strickland House to the full Mollie Evans Home. This move will take place as soon as refurbishing and repairs are done to the home.

The home has been vacant for a year or so. It needs a new roof, a new heat and air conditioning plant, painting on the inside, painting on the outside, and some additional missions furniture. New curtains and other items will be added.

Presently some $2,000 has been raised on the project. The Conference will help some in lieu of the funds raised last year for the new roof of the Strickland House. It is estimated that the total cost may run as high as $8,000.

A new refrigerator is needed and a new bedroom suite (double bed). Several smaller items are needed.

Churches and individuals may contribute to the project. Funds and/or inquiries should be made to the N.C. Conference Missions, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342, 910-980-1162. All funds property designated will be credited as missions giving to the local churches.

The first residents of the home will be Steve and Betsy Cofer. Steve is the Regional Ministry Coordinator in Europe. Hopefully, they will be the first of many itinerating and furloughed missionaries to use the home. They have to move in August after General Conference.

Worker

lent, inspired me in
ned minister, always
espond to anything I
.
marks out a pattern
get a lot of things
d in the fields which
ne in taking time out
ethods with valuable
o me, Rev. Long is a
s Son. Sending in my
ral report is still no

n witnessing for the
een most interesting
e Eastern coast. God

still honors faithfulness even to a mission worker. Just last Sunday, April 20, I was allowed the opportunity to minister in an African American church just blocks from my back door. God wonderfully gave the increase to His kingdom with 14 teenagers publicly professing to be saved and dedicating their lives to the cause of Christ. To God be the Glory!

In closing let me encourage each of you and especially mission workers in this great conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to fulfill your commitments to its doctrine and to the God who hath made it so, because soon now we shall know its complete benefits. It's been a great opportunity to have served as a mission worker's in God's kingdom, and I hope to do the same until Jesus comes.

I'm grateful for the past and present pastors of the Bizzell Grove P. H. Church in the Goldsboro District and its membership who have supported me, one of their members in the ministry. Their interest in missions and me caused them to present the N. C. Conference the recommendation that I be granted a mission worker license. They have always been there when I needed someone to pray for me.

– Lida Rogers

Departments of Evangelism and World Mis

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!

Hispanic service

FIRST HISPANIC DISTRICT CONFI

On Wednesday night, April 23, history was made within the N.C. Conference. The first ever Hispanic (Spanish-Speaking) District Conference was held. The service was held at the Calvary Temple Church in Rocky Mount. The La Roca Church, Rocky Mount, which uses the Calvary Temple Church, was the host church.

Some nine churches were represented at the Conference. One hundred eighteen were present. Rev. Wesley Potter preached. Our own Rev. Lydia Figueroa interpreted and rendered the special music. The host church under the direction of Pastor Salmodio Ramirez and worship leaders led in the congregational singing. Rev. Miguel Figueroa, assisted by Rev. Chris Thompson, led the service.

It was a great time in the Lord. The Lord's presence was powerful in the services. There was much rejoicing. God is at work in the N.C. Conference with a Spanish-speaking outreach.

May the Lord bless our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters in Christ. May He help us and them as we reach out together to those
is experiencing
Hispanics living w
efforts of so many

On Monday nig
third Hispanic mi
and tithing. Rev.
has taught all the
job. Brother Parke

Revs. Miguel a
Hispanic liaison
Thompson in man
they have been re

Rev. Antonio C
new Hispanic c
Conference. He ha

Anyone desirin
desire to help sta
contact Director T

Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home

NEW MISSIONS HOME
Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home

The family of Mrs. Mollie Culbreth Evans of Falcon has recently released her home to World Missions Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. World Missions Ministries of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has in turn agreed for the N.C. Conference Missions Ministries to use the home for itinerating missionaries.

Sister Mollie Culbreth Evans is a special woman of God. She had made her home in Falcon for a number of years. Those who know her, love her. She is presently a resident of the Golden Years Nursing Home of Falcon. She is not well and in much need of prayer. Several years ago even before the passing of her late husband, Rev. T. O. Evans, her home was willed to Missions Ministries.

Sister Mollie, as she is affectionately known by Falcon residents, was married to J. A. Culbreth of Falcon after the loss of his first wife. Brother Culbreth is known in the church as the builder of the Octagon Tabernacle and founder of Falcon Camp Meeting. At his death and later in life Sister Mollie married Rev. T. O. Evans, former Superintendent of the South Carolina Conference. She is a woman of much faith and zeal in the Lord. It has always been a joy to know Sister Mollie and hear of her love for the Lord, the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and World Missions. Praise the Lord for this great woman of the kingdom and for her lasting legacy to the Pentecostal Holiness Missions Program.

In lieu of this gift and the need of housing for campus ministries, the Conference Missions Home will move from the apartment in the Strickland House to the full Mollie Evans Home. This move will take place as soon as refurbishing and repairs are done to the home.

The home has been vacant for a year or so. It needs a new roof, a new heat and air conditioning plant, painting on the inside, painting on the outside, and some additional missions furniture. New curtains and other items will be added.

Presently some $2,000 has been raised on the project. The Conference will help some in lieu of the funds raised last year for the new roof of the Strickland House. It is estimated that the total cost may run as high as $8,000.

A new refrigerator is needed and a new bedroom suite (double bed). Several smaller items are needed.

Churches and individuals may contribute to the project. Funds and/or inquiries should be made to the N.C. Conference Missions, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342, 910-980-1162. All funds property designated will be credited as missions giving to the local churches.

The first residents of the home will be Steve and Betsy Cofer. Steve is the Regional Ministry Coordinator in Europe. Hopefully, they will be the first of many itinerating and furloughed missionaries to use the home. They have to move in August after General Conference.

The Life of a Mission Worker

(Continued from page 2)

The Rev. James Leggett, former superintendent, inspired me in my ministry. He treated me as if I were an ordained minister, always very supportive. I never had to wait for him to respond to anything I requested. His encouragement will last a lifetime.

The Rev. T. E. Long's leadership is that which marks out a pattern of cutting close in a compressed order to get a lot of things accomplished yet taking the time to sow good seed in the fields which are white to harvest. He has fulfilled his duty to me in taking time out from his busy schedule to keep me informed in methods with valuable information by means of the printed page, etc. To me, Rev. Long is a constant reminder of the soon appearance of God's Son. Sending in my reports to him whether by phone, letter, or an oral report is still no chore but a privilege.

I have learned that age makes no difference in witnessing for the Lord because these last two years for me have been most interesting and rewarding for the Northwest Conference to the Eastern coast. God still honors faithfulness even to a mission worker. Just last Sunday, April 20, I was allowed the opportunity to minister in an African American church just blocks from my back door. God wonderfully gave the increase to His kingdom with 14 teenagers publicly professing to be saved and dedicating their lives to the cause of Christ. To God be the Giory!

In closing let me encourage each of you and especially mission workers in this great conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to fulfill your commitments to its doctrine and to the God who hath made it so, because soon now we shall know its complete benefits. It's been a great opportunity to have served as a mission worker's in God's kingdom, and I hope to do the same until Jesus comes.

I'm grateful for the past and present pastors of the Bizzell Grove P. H. Church in the Goldsboro District and its membership who have supported me, one of their members in the ministry. Their interest in missions and me caused them to present the N. C. Conference the recommendation that I be granted a mission worker license. They have always been there when I needed someone to pray for me.

– Lida Rogers

Steps To The CRITICAL EVENT For The Key Man in MEN'S MINISTRIES

1 CATALYTIC EVENT

- Conferences
- Wake-up calls
- Local church/pastor

2 FOUNDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE MEN'S MINISTRY

- Key issues men face
- Key issues on how to minister to men
- Key strategies for building an effective men's ministry

3 KEY MAN I* (ORIENTATION: HEART/VISION)

- Male context
- Reconciliation
- Effective men's ministry
- Small groups
- Begin working with Ambassador

4 KEY MAN II* CHURCH RESOURCE PACKET (IMPLEMENTATION)

- Evaluation of local churches' male context
- Develop plan for men's ministry strategy
- Implementation of Funnel Model
- Work with Ambassador in applying Key Man II
- Evangelism training to reach men

5 BUILDING MEN OF INTEGRITY SEMINAR (IMPLEMENTATION)

- Help pastor and laymen evaluate the state of their men's ministry
- How to build community with men
- How to implement the seven Promises in men's ministry
- Create a strategy and environment for a local church men's ministry

6 ONGOING TRAINING

- Reconciliation
- Disciplines (Scripture, Prayer and Fasting)
- Small groups
- Methods for discipleship

7 THE RESULT

- The "Critical Event"
  One man keeping his promises in the context of his local church
- Effective men's ministry

the KEY MAN

A Key Man is a leader and/or facilitator of men's ministry in his local church. Serving under the direction of his pastor, he is part of a team that is committed to building an effective men's ministry and providing an environment where men can grow in their relationship with Christ and one another. He also serves as a primary information link for his church.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
MEN'S MINISTRIES

*** Required for all Key Men**

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - March, 1997

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	688	----	630	491
Kinston First	634	----	285	----	321	295
The First	360	----	234	----	----	----
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	219	----	100	80
The Capital	350	----	209	----	170	212
Tarboro First	214	----	200	----	185	165
Gospel Tabernacle	526	20	199	10	390	341
Whitley	269	----	187	----	243	262
Mt. Carmel	336	----	176	----	181	124
Stedman	280	----	170	----	251	161
Greenville First	----	----	162	----	----	----
St. Pauls	176	----	145	----	132	121
Chadbourn	220	----	144	----	174	94
Clinton	267	----	144	----	153	125
Lumberton	322	14	140	12	140	106
Shiloh WD	288	48	138	48	187	93
Brentwood	135	----	135	----	150	155
Harkers Island	131	----	135	----	65	59
Robersonville	204	----	134	----	186	163
Bizzell Grove	163	40	125	35	80	48
Wilson First	----	----	123	----	----	75
Culbreth Memorial	205	25	117	26	169	103
Evangel	----	----	116	19	----	60
Smyrna	----	----	116	----	----	73
Peniel	260	----	116	----	108	77
Harvest Temple	154	65	113	47	107	82
Millennium	142	36	111	34	90	75
Wallace	227	----	108	----	67	64
Bethany	155	5	96	22	109	52
Williamston	148	15	96	14	109	70
Belfast	129	----	95	----	98	60
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	94	----	140	----
Benson	167	48	94	21	140	95
Roanoke Rapids	560	----	86	----	29	30
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	85	----	55	62
Spring Hope	60	----	85	----	61	49
St. Paul	----	----	84	----	----	----
Baywood	124	----	83	----	58	58
St. John	127	----	79	----	34	59
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	79	----	7	9
Roper	89	----	75	----	86	57
Hobgood	100	----	73	----	----	----
Sharon	99	1	72	1	43	31
Midway	110	----	70	----	84	43
New Bern First	126	----	69	----	97	42
Emmanuel	97	----	69	----	60	56
Bridgeton	86	----	68	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	155	----	68	----	91	38
Hollands Chapel	71	----	67	----	30	29
Manleys Grove	132	----	65	----	----	0
Snow Hill	67	----	65	----	----	----
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	65	----	145	42
Thompson Chapel	104	----	65	----	59	28
Taylors Chapel	132	----	64	----	----	----
Mount Olive	90	----	64	----	----	----
Stantonsburg	102	----	61	----	----	----
Reelsboro	95	50	61	43	59	35
Ayden	66	----	61	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	108	----	60	----	83	51
Sanford First	94	----	60	----	49	30
Boardman	210	----	59	----	201	28
Rehoboth	139	----	58	----	60	----
Elizabethtown	70	----	58	----	66	45
Wilmington	142	----	58	----	142	32
Westview	112	----	56	----	88	52
Carson Memorial	78	----	56	----	65	30
Tyndall Grove	85	----	55	----	15	15
Thomas Chapel	123	----	55	----	66	29
Bethel	86	----	54	----	----	----
Kenly	97	----	53	----	----	----
Maranatha	74	----	51	----	50	67
Shiloh FD	91	----	50	----	----	----
Graham Memorial	100	----	50	----	56	56
Selma	61	----	50	----	----	----
Winterville	95	----	50	----	----	----
Eastside	204	----	49	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	49	----	10	10
Jacksonville	74	26	49	26	30	24
Ebenezer	60	----	48	----	45	34
Friendship WD	93	----	48	----	59	41
Scotland Neck	53	----	48	----	28	33
Tabernacle	75	----	48	----	33	35
Hamilton	75	----	47	----	----	----
Goshen	78	----	47	----	36	0
Jones Grove	68	----	47	----	----	----
Faith WD	65	150	47	143	----	----
Hodges Chapel	91	----	46	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	45	----	----	----
Niagara	152	----	43	----	33	26
Westmoreland	141	----	43	----	88	35
Ahoskie	104	----	42	----	59	35
Garland	60	----	40	----	----	----
Albritton	74	23	40	19	43	19
Weldon	66	----	39	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	39	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	52	----	38	----	42	44
Sims	49	----	38	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	47	----	36	----	----	----
Trinity CD	71	----	35	----	50	24
New Vision	57	----	35	----	25	16
Spring of Living Water	46	----	34	----	35	26
Living Waters	73	----	33	----	89	25
The Genesis	70	----	33	----	----	----
Bailey	62	----	32	----	19	16
New Covenant	42	----	32	----	28	17
Trinity RMD	90	----	31	----	----	----
Vanceboro	39	----	31	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	61	----	31	----	28	27
Heritage	56	----	30	----	46	30
Lyon Memorial	85	----	30	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	42	----	30	----	----	----
Vaughns Chapel	43	----	28	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	27	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	27	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	27	----	----	30
Grace Community	33	----	27	----	19	15
Friendship NBD	38	----	26	----	30	17
Grifton	88	----	26	----	45	24
Wades Point	54	----	24	----	----	----
Sneads Ferry	----	----	24	----	----	22
Black Creek	55	----	23	----	----	----
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Alliance	42	----	23	----	42	----
Merritts Chapel	58	----	23	----	----	----
Clayton	34	3	22	3	----	----
Independence	34	----	22	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	21	----	----	----
Middlesex	28	----	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	20	----	20	----	----	----
Abundant Life	25	----	20	----	----	----
Aberdeen	80	----	18	----	75	33
Crystal Coast	36	----	18	----	----	----
Plymouth	61	----	14	----	----	----
Goose Creek	30	----	13	----	19	0
Sonlight	15	----	13	----	----	----
Alert	57	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	17	----	10	----	----	----
New Life	10	----	7	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	7	----	----	----
Swanquarter	12	----	6	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	6	8	----	----
Total:	17,120	577	10,090	531	7,870	5,742
Average:	----	----	----	30	96	68
Count:	----	----	141	----	82	84

LTC APPLICATION

Christian Education Department
North Carolina Conference
September 26-28, 1997

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Date Packet Sent: _____
Amount Received: $ _____
Date Deposited: _____
Check #: _____
Amount Due: $ _____

Name _____ Phone No.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ Conference _____

Pastor _____ District _____

Position: (Check One)
- ❑ Senior Commander
- ❑ Other
- ❑ Pastor or Minister
- ❑ Outpost Councilman
- ❑ Outpost Commander
- ❑ Lt. Commander

Level Most Involved With: ❑ Pioneer ❑ Trailblazer ❑ Air/Sea/Trail Ranger ❑ Equal Involvement

Do you have medical problems or dietary restrictions that we should know about? ❑ Yes ❑ No
(If yes, please give details)

LOCATION OF SCHOOL: CONFERENCE CAMPGROUNDS – FALCON, NC

All classes must be attended: Session 1 (Fri. a.m.) Session 2 (Fri. p.m.) Session 3 (Sat. a.m.) Session 4 (Sat. p.m.) Session 5 (Sun. a.m.)

Because of increasing costs of LTC, a $50 registration fee must accompany this application. This includes all books and meals and will be applied toward the total fee of $105. If application and $50 is mailed (postmark on envelope) by Sept. 5, the registration fee will be $95. Fee for walk-ons (those who have submitted no pre-registration and no application fee) will be $115. CANCELLATION POLICY: Your pre-registration fee will be refunded (minus a $10 clerical fee) if you notify the C. E. Department on or before Sept. 5, 1997. Registration after that date is non-refundable. Checks should be earmarked "LTC" and mailed with application to:

NC Conference CE Department
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342-0060

Phone: (910) 980-1162 Fax: (910) 980-1634

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

C284.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 JULY 1997 NUMBER 7

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FALCON CAMP MEETING

JULY 20-27, 1997
CULBRETH AUDITORIUM
FALCON, NORTH CAROLINA

PROMOTIONAL CONFERENCE - JULY 25
Bishop B. E. Underwood
Presiding Officer

CAMP MEETING SPEAKERS

Rev. James Pennington

Rev. Bob Ely

Rev. Terry Fowler
Youth Night Speaker

Superintendent T. Elwood Long
Camp Meeting Manager

Music Director
Danny W. Meads

Organist
David Robertson

Pianist
Dolores Reynolds

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

It has been quite a while since I took you on one of my journeys on this page. Let's travel!

RAMBLING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

January was an exciting time of training as I attended the Evangelism USA School of Evangelism at the Radisson Grand in Fort Mill, S.C. I left there to join about 120 of our conference leaders at the John Maxwell Seminar in Winston-Salem. The next week took me to Oklahoma City for the first meeting of the Polity Committee for the 1997 General Conference.

The Conference Christian Education Rally and Convention was a highlight of the next weekend. In addition a Sunday morning visit to Northwood Temple to hear an inspiring message by Pastor John Hedgepeth blessed Sylvia and me in a great way. Brother Chris Thompson, Noah Barefoot, Jr and I left later that day to drive to Emmanuel College for a week of S.C.C.M. Graduate School study. What a powerful week it was!

The last weekend of January was a sweet time of ministry for me as I spoke to the Northwood Temple Men's Ministries, the Selma Church, and organized the Genesis Hispanic Church. The month ended with a two-day planning session and regular conference board meetings. (Praise God for a fine and capable conference board), a Conference Evangelism Board Meeting, the annual Church Planters Banquet, and a good service at Maranatha Church in Beaufort.

February began on a bright note at Independence Church, Bailey and Tarboro as we organized the Hispanic work, La Roca Church, a Polity subcommittee meting, the funeral of Mrs. Edna Denning (wife of Reverend W. M. Denning), the wake of Mrs. Mary Eatmon (mother of Reverend Everette Eatmon). Office work and nighttime meetings with church boards set the stage for a busy week.

On Saturday, February 8, I flew to Costa Rica for a World Missions Board Meeting. (I had the pleasure of preaching at Cinco Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Gonzalez.) Upon arriving home I attended the funeral of a prominent layman, Mr. William S. Wellons, Sr. He is missed!

The middle of the month brought us to the organization of the Evangel Hispanic church with Pastor Luis Manriquez. Praise God for another church planting. Christian Worker's Institute included the dedication of the new cafeteria/training center on our campus. It is a beautiful and convenient blessing. The latter part of the week brought the death and funeral of our beloved Reverend George A. Casper. The month ended with a visit to the Bethany church, many office hours, and meeting of the Falcon Children's Home Executive Board. The Children's Home is an astounding ministry.

The first week of March began with the funeral of Pastor Preston Lane of the Stantonsburg church followed by visits to Family Worship Center, Angier, and Williamston First, office work, a Conference Missions Committee meeting, Polity Committee meetings in Oklahoma City, a visit to Muse Memorial Church and the WIN Prayer Conference in Falcon. The dedication of the new Graceway Fellowship in Washington, a visit to the Bailey church, a Conference Board meeting and a long-awaited three days away from work completed the month.

April began with a Conference Superintendents' Zone meeting with Bishop Underwood in Georgia.

I enjoyed five services of revival at St. Matthew church. Office hours, the ATAM Banquet at Falcon, preaching appointments, six Bi-District Evangelism rallies made a very active middle of April. A visit to Mount Carmel to sit under the preaching of Pastor Gary Strickland was very uplifting. A Conference Board meeting, Evangelism Board meeting, and meetings with church boards completed the month.

One of the highlights of April was when Brother Chris Thompson led in our very first District Conference/Evangelism Rally for the new Hispanic ministry of the conference. To God be the glory!

May began with my last session of the S.C.C.M. Graduate School to complete my studies for the Master of Ministry degree. This is a very enriching source of instruction. We have so many of our ministers who could benefit from this quality approach to education. I would like to see all our people take advantage of this extremely needed program. You will notice an announcement regarding this school in this issue. Many of the classes are now available in Georgia. Perhaps small groups of ministers who qualify could pool travel and accommodations cost and attend. Any pastorate would do well to help your pastor attend. I'll be happy to talk with anyone who is interested.

I enjoyed homecoming at Hobgood Church and the dedication of the spacious and beautiful new addition to Gospel Tabernacle in May.

Joe Iaquinta of N.E.T. (New Evangelism Technologies) from the RDC in Oklahoma City gave us good instruction in computer classes to help us in ministry across the conference.

I was not able to play in the Annual ATAM Golf Classic at Mount Olive, but I did enjoy a great time of food and fellowship with the host of participants. My hat is off to the Alternative To

Continued on page 10

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

* * * * * *

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE VISION-CASTING WORKSHOPS

DAY	DATE	DISTRICT	HOST CHURCH	HOST PASTOR
Tuesday	September 2	Goldsboro	Pine Level	Robert Ormond
Thursday	September 4	Rocky Mount	Hobgood	Dempsey Winstead
Friday	September 5	Wilson	Friendship	Emmett Turner
Monday	September 15	Lumberton	Westview	Jonathan Griffin
Tuesday	September 16	Morehead City	Cedar Point	David Harper
Thursday	September 18	Clinton	Goshen	Allen Mayo
Monday	September 22	Wilmington	Winter Park	Jay Young
Tuesday	September 23	Greenville	Graceway	Vince Moore
Thursday	September 25	Fayetteville	Baywood	Richard Robinson
Monday	September 29	Raleigh	Evangelistic Temple	Ray J. Ward
Tuesday	September 30	New Bern	Bridgeton	Kenneth Dixon
Thursday	October 2	Williamston	Ahoskie	Danny Harris

Each begins at 7:30 p.m.
The Feast of Ingathering will be received by our Women's Ministries Director, Mrs. Linda Thomas

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

The Lord is truly pouring out His blessings at Living Waters Church in Wilson.

In April 1996, the Lord sent our church a leader. Rev. Ricky Nelms began his tenure here on Easter Sunday. Since his arrival, our church has been spiritually uplifted, and we have seen God move in great and mighty ways. During the past year there have been several souls saved and many others touched and drawn closer to the Lord.

Pastor Nelms has declared 1997 the year of significant growth. This declaration has enabled our people to get excited about what God is going to do for our church this year.

During the month of November 1996, the Lord blessed our church again with the donation of a church van. The Mt. Carmel church recently purchased a new van and Pastor Gary Strickland contacted Pastor Nelms and said he felt impressed that our church should receive their used van. Pastor Nelms graciously accepted the donation which has proven to be a great asset to our church.

Also, during October 1996, with our parsonage in much need of a paint job, we were able to do that with paint donated from Mr. B. T. Odham, a member of the New Bern First Church. We appreciate the kindness that so many have shown us.

On March 30, 1997, Pastor Nelms conducted a baptismal service at the Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount. Five new converts were baptized during the service.

As we stop and look at the 13-year history of Living Waters, we see how God has truly kept His hand on our church. God graciously showed us His mercy and love through the valleys and on the mountain tops. With God's grace we will continue to go forward to further His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita J. Mercer
Secretary

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH NEWS

NOTE BURNING

The Mount Olive First Pentecostal Holiness Church was the scene of a great time of celebration on Saturday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Jimmy C. Williams and the congregation were joined by Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long, Assistant Superintendent, D. Chris Thompson, Conference Secretary-Treasurer Roland Harrell, and Conference Christian Education Director Bobby Forehand for the noteburning on the church property. After the service a barbecued chicken dinner was served in the church fellowship hall.

Note Burning ceremony at Mt. Olive

During the noteburning ceremony, Pastor Williams read a brief history of the church as follows:

The Mount Olive Church was organized in 1939 by Reverend Fred Weaver with nine members. The small tabernacle with a sawdust floor and no walls valued at $175.

In 1942, a lot was donated by Mrs. Betty Jones, and a small structure called a brush arbor was built on the lot.

In 1943, the church was moved to a lot on the corner of Williamston and Southerland Street. Rev. Weaver served as pastor from 1939 until 1943.

In 1943 Rev. W. N. Bass became pastor and served until 1945 when the church was moved to Williamson and Southerland Streets. The church was built while Rev. Bass was the pastor.

In the years of 1945-1946, Rev. M. H. Alexander served as pastor at which time, under his leadership, the church building was enlarged.

Other pastors include:

1946-1948	Rev. Joe L. Russell
1948-1955	Rev. H. M. Pope (During this time Sunday School rooms were added).
1955-1956	Rev. Garland Murray
1956-1957	Rev. H. M. Pope
1957-1958	Rev. Jerome Hodges
1958-1960	Rev. W. B. Howell (During this time money was raised for materials to build more Sunday School rooms).
1960-1962	Rev. Raleigh Horton (Four new Sunday School rooms were completed).
1962	Mrs. Hazel Wilson
1963	Rev. W. M. Watkins
1964-1970	Rev. Melvin Narron (During his ministry the church was equipped with central heating and air conditioning. During his last year the church became a full-time pastorate).
1970-1972	Rev. Linwood Manning
1972-74	Rev. Wayne White
1974-1977	Rev. Bruce Avery
1977-1980	Rev. Alton Nicholson (During his time the present church building was built. We moved into the church in 1979).
1980-1982	Rev. Buck Parnell
1982-1986	Rev. David Wheeler
1986-1990	Rev. Bobby Howard
1991-1994	Rev. Terry Whittenton
1994-present	Rev. Jimmy Cole Williams

Congratulations, Mount Olive!

Superannuated Birthdays for July

Rev. Mrs. Mozelle Dowd . . . . . .July 4

Rev. Sherrill Pope . . . . . .July 4

Rev. M. R. Britton . . . . . .July 7

Rev. Conrad Hall . . . . . .July 19

Rev. Ezra Fann . . . . . .July 27

ENROLL NOW!!!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

with

BOBBY and RICHARD CLINTON
Fuller Theological Seminary
September 8-12, 1997
Bethany, Oklahoma

Accredited
MASTER of MINISTRY Degree

Emphasis:

- Church Growth, Revitalization and Planting
- Urban Ministry, Missions and Evangelism

Featuring:

- One-Week Modules
- Renowned Guest Professors from Leading Seminaries
- Spiritual
- Practical
- Affordable

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries

Dr. Garnet E. Pike, Dean
7210 Northwest 39th Expressway
Bethany, Oklahoma 73008
Phone: 405-789-7661, Ext. 3447

Classes in Oklahoma and Georgia

1997 Fall Semester

September 8-12
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
(Bethany, OK)
* *MN 5303* *Leadership Development*
Dr. J. Robert Clinton
Dr. Richard W. Clinton
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

October 13-17
Emmanuel College (Franklin Springs, GA)
* *CG 5103* *Church Growth Principles*
Dr. Owen C. Weston

November 10-14
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
(Bethany, OK)
* *CG 5103* *Church Growth Principles*
Dr. Owen C. Weston

1998 Spring Semester

January 6-9
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
(Bethany, OK)
CG 5413 *Growing Churches in Today's Society*
Bishop B. E. Underwood
Dr. Owen C. Weston

March 9-13
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
(Bethany, OK)
* *CG 5423* *Church Growth Strategies & Revitalization*
Dr. Owen C. Weston

March 16-20
Emmanuel College (Franklin Springs, GA)
* *CG 5423* *Church Growth Strategies & Revitalization*
Dr. Owen C. Weston

April 26, Sunday
SCCM Graduation

April 27-May 1
Southwestern College of Christian Ministries
(Bethany, OK)
CG 5303 *Small Groups & Church Growth*
Dr. Dan O. Beller, Evangelistic Center, Tulsa, OK
Dr. Owen C. Weston
Monty Smith, Shady Grove Church, Grand Prairie, TX

May 18-22
Beulah Heights Bible College (Atlanta, GA)
WE 5203 *Urban Ministry/Missions/Evangelism*
Dr. Owen C. Weston
Church Planters, Evangelism, USA

All full-time students are required to enroll in MAPS I CG5803 or MAPS II CG 5813. **Required core courses for all degrees.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA

Our daughter, Emma, is a student at East Carolina University. Recently, she had to write what she had learned from the study of the play, *The Glamour Trap*. I want to share with you what she wrote:

In today's society, a woman's physical appearance is of increasing importance. Appearance affects self-esteem and how one is perceived by others. One's outer self can affect both the social and career aspects of life. The media has played a major part in the stress placed on physical appearance. One cannot watch television or look through a magazine without seeing the images of women who are size two, six-feet tall and 105 pounds. In reality, only a very small percentage of America's women can lay claim to that kind of physique. The images of "perfect bodies" haunt adolescent girls. Unfortunately, one's self perception is fragile at this age, and many young girls develop eating disorders to try to get the desired look. Many believe that they have to look like the models to be accepted. For those who are not naturally small – but desire to be small – many methods are used to achieve the desired outward appearance. Plastic surgery or liposuction can be done. Some would spend countless hours each day exercising. Many refrain from any food that does not come from the low-fat or no-fat section of the grocery store. None of these options sounds too appealing, but many people count on them to assist them in being just the *right* size.

In *The Glamour Trap*, four females visit a local beauty salon where a statue of "The Goddess" is displayed. This statue represents the ultimate in physical beauty. One of these is a teenage girl. She sees the statue as a role model, for her mother expects her to be beautiful. The second one is a young woman who sees herself as a "Plain Jane" and is consumed with the thought, "If I could only be beautiful like that!" The third is a fashion model and has achieved the "perfect ten" look, yet she never feels respected for intelligence – only for her looks. The fourth lady is a middle-aged wife who understands that true beauty is not found in physical characteristics. Only one of the four recognizes that true beauty lies within, not without. Although they look on "The Goddess" as the ideal, she is only a mannequin. She has neither heart nor soul, only an outer shell. I feel this statue precisely depicts the emptiness of those who feel outer beauty is what is important. Unfortunately, this is how many see women today...just as an outer shell. If we all take a deeper look, we can find so much more. Inner beauty far outshines outer beauty. The beauty of the heart and soul is what really counts.

Without question, our Emma is a beautiful girl – size two and all! (Now, isn't that just like a mother?) She exercises, shops in the low and no-fat section of the grocery store, and has absolutely no need for liposuction. She is very neat and conscious of her outer appearance. But I am truly thankful that she recognizes that real beauty comes from within.

I recall my mother saying repeatedly to me as I grew up, "Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly is to the bone." I don't know that I understood that as a young girl, but I do now. Looking back over my acquaintances through the years, I can recall some who outwardly were very attractive. Yet, as I observed them, I saw character revealed that somehow made them become very unattractive to me. On the other hand, some of the most beautiful women I have known would never have been chosen as cover girls, but they possessed striking beauty that I can never forget.

What a lesson!!! Yes, we need to care for our outer person. We need to always look as nice as we can, as we are reflections of Christ to this world. But we must not become so obsessed with outer beauty that we are inwardly nothing but an empty shell. The inner woman needs nurturing. To fully develop the inner person, we must exercise in prayer and Bible study. We must shop in the no-fat sections of the world's offerings. We might even need a little plastic surgery or liposuction to remove bad attitudes or habits. After all, man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.

A GREAT CONVENTION

On Saturday, June 7, approximately 300 women gathered in Falcon for the annual NCWM Convention. Registration was held in the cafeteria, and the ladies enjoyed a time of fellowship as they shopped with the WM groups which had set up "Show & Sell" tables. They were also treated to doughnuts, coffee and juice. The music for the convention was provided by Mrs. Phyllis Harrell (pianist), Mrs. Deane Jackson (organist), and Kathy Ward, Beverly Ward, and Margaret Abbott, who provided special music and led in the praise and worship music. Those who attended the convention were welcomed by Conference Superintendent T. E. Long and NCWM Conference Director Linda Thomas. Mrs. Thomas gave the *State of North Carolina Women's Ministries* address and recognized various members of the leadership team and committee chairs for their services during the year. She also presented Feast of Ingathering scholarships to five young people who will be attending Emmanuel in the fall. Vice Director Sue Parker greeted the group and reviewed packet materials with them. Secretary-

President Linda Thomas presents Award of Superiority Bar to Holly Hill WM President Joy Bowers. The Holly Hill WM scored 100 points for eight consecutive years to earn this award.

WM representatives from Peniel, Sanford First, Mt. Olive (Goldsboro District), Winterville and Glad Tidings received Award of Superiority plaques for having scored 100 points for four consecutive years. Pictured are Westa Barefoot, Sue Parker, Media Lee, Janie Howard, Patsy Deese and President Linda Thomas.

Treasurer Patsy Deese narrated the presentation of awards (see photos). Rev. Clara Williams, a former NCWM President, gave the Memoirs Report. The Selma WM furnished the beautiful bouquet of flowers in memory of Hazel Evans who had served as their secretary-treasurer until her death in October 1996.

A special project designated for the Convention was for each local WM to bring donations toward the purchase of tables and chairs for the private dining room in the new cafeteria building. The ladies responded with gifts of $1,709.00. Approximately $2,000 had been previously mailed in, and still more is expected to be received. Women's Ministries always responds to the needs – they did it again!!! (A listing of contributors will be listed in a later edition of *The Evangel*.)

Following the business of the day, the worship portion of the convention began. Former NCWM President and now General WM Secretary Mary Belle Johnson introduced the speaker, Rev. Renee´ Ross. Rev. Ross is a General WM Board member. She brought a message in keeping with the convention theme, *GARMENTS OF PRAISE*, which will long be remembered by all who were present. As she challenged the congregation to wear the garment of praise, praise began to fill the tabernacle. NCWM Board Member Janice Marshburn led the congregation in a season of praise and worship based on Psalm 150. What a blessed time it was as

Mary Belle Johnson introduces convention speaker Rev. Renee´ Ross.

Forty-two local WM groups earned Certificates of Excellence for having scored 100 points for the year 1996. Pictured are presidents of the following WM groups after having been presented the certificates. Clinton First, East Side, Mt. Carmel, Sanford First, Peniel, Bizzell Grove, Mt. Olive, Niagara, St. John, The First, Thunder Swamp, Ayden, Bethel, Gethsemane, Greenville First, Kinston First, Winterville, Lumberton YWM, St. Pauls, Glad Tidings, Maranatha, Holly Hill, Reelsboro, Clayton, Emmanuel, Evangel, Ebenezer, Harvest Temple, Living Faith, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, Bethany, Robersonville, Williamston First, Jacksonville, Wallace, Wilmington First, Moore's Chapel, Shiloh, Snow Hill, Westmoreland, Wilson First.

the people lifted their voices in uninhibited praise to the Lord!

NCWM Convention 1997 was a day of celebration of praise, and the women left motivated to go back to their local churches to lead in a renewal of praise and worship as a result of their being a part of this special event.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS REMINDER...

Remember to send in your gifts for our missionaries' Christmas gifts to Patsy Deese during the month of August.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Getting Involved...

LAY WITNESS WEEK

October 19 - 26, 1997

A week of Soul-winning and Visitation for the Local Church

This is the week for lay ministry!

Lay Witness Week is designed to train, equip, and involve the entire church in evangelism in order to impact our families, communities, and the world for Christ.

There are five main areas of emphasis:

1. Family / friends / acquaintances - (personal witnessing)
2. Community / neighbors - (home visitation and tract distribution)
3. Outreach ministries - (nursing home, hospital, jail / prison, food and clothing)
4. Ethnic groups - (evangelize, help, and organize new church fellowships)
5. Men of Action - (Men's Ministries and Royal Rangers hands-on help, build, repair, cleanup, paint)

SAMPLE WEEK OF ACTIVITIES FOR LAY WITNESS WEEK

Sunday, October 19

Lay Appreciation Sunday (October 19, 1997)

This is a day dedicated to giving special recognition to the laity who work so faithfully week by week without pay. This is a time when the pastor and staff of the local church publicly honor those who help them minister for the Lord.

Monday, October 20

Pastor and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Pray with and for each leader and for fruitfulness in witnessing and soul-winning.

Tuesday, October 21

Neighborhood Home Fellowships

All members invite an unsaved friend and fellow church member.

Wednesday, October 22

Visitation Instructions

During the Wednesday night service, instruction should be given on specifics of personal evangelism and visiting the homes in the community in preparation for the Thursday/Saturday visitation.

Thursday, October 23

Church Visitation

Everyone visits absentees, newcomers to the community, recent visitors to the church, prospects, senior adults, and shut-ins.

Friday, October 24

Institutional Visitation

Prisons, jails, hospitals, and nursing homes are contacted and services arranged for this day. Formal services can be conducted with singing, testimonies, and preaching.

Saturday, October 25

Community Visitation

Distribute tracts in public places, malls, fairs, downtown, in front of theaters. Visit community as scheduled by the visitation team.

Men of Action Workdays

Work project schedule by Men of Action (Men's Ministries and Royal Rangers) hands-on help, building, repair, cleanup, paint, etc. Community project (not a project to benefit the church).

Women's Ministries

Lay Witness Banquet Rally. Serve a meal or everyone bring a dish and celebrate the harvest. Give all leaders an opportunity to share about their involvement with a praise report.

Materials have been mailed to each pastor. Additional information may be obtained from LifeSprings Resources at 1-800-541-1376.

GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING

The news is out! The records are official! Over **one million** dollars was donated last year to the cause of world missions. This offering in 1996 marks the first time that the offering has gone over **one million** dollars. To God be the glory for what He has done through faithful people.

The N.C. Conference last year gave over $170,300.00 This was the highest ever and an 11.5% increase over 1995's offering of $152,792.64. The Conference was the #2 Conference in Global Outreach Offering. The goal for 1996 had been $166,000.00. The goal for 1997 is $185,000.00.

The Global Outreach Offering is vital to the expansion ministries of Evangelism USA and World Missions. Twenty-five percent of the offering will be used in church planting projects in the United States, specifically in Chicago (Tim Campbell), Sacramento (Bill Terry), Phoenix (Ray Kengrea), Salt Lake City (Greg Wascom), and Sidney, Maine (Paul Dibden). Twenty-five percent will go to World Missions with primary focus on building a conference and training center in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for French-speaking West Africa. Missions will also use a portion of the funds for field projects, national workers, missionaries (when their support falls short), and a portion is also used for promoting the missions program.

The greatest gift ever given was sent to the world nearly 2000 years ago, wrapped in swaddling clothes. That gift brings hope to a hurting world today. We are compelled to take the message of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. The Global Outreach program of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is aggressive in church planting and evangelistic ministries. The Global Outreach Offering is the major tool for funding the many projects in the U.S.A. and abroad.

The summer months of June, July, August have traditionally been set aside as a time to promote the offering and its benefits to evangelistic outreach.

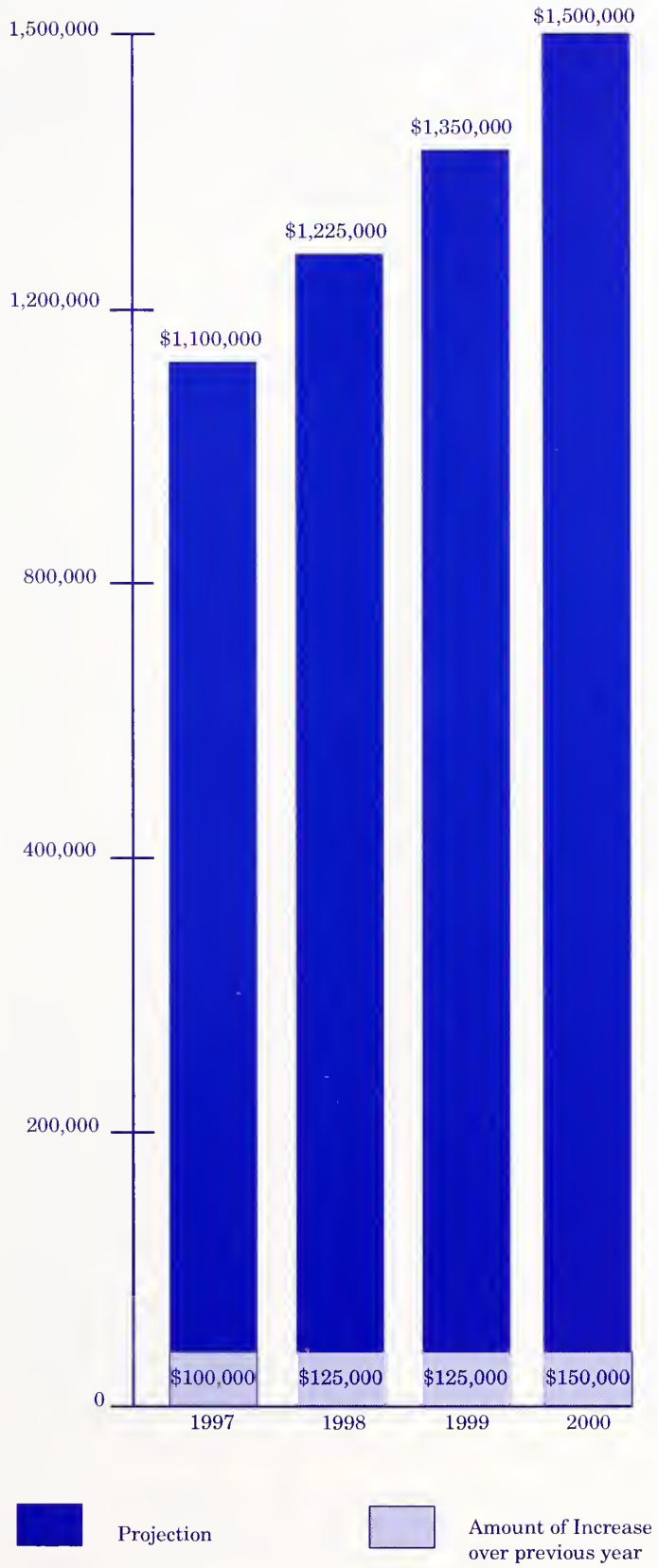
Members and friends of the denomination are encouraged to set aside a **day of prayer and fasting** for the evangelistic efforts. They are also challenged to **give a day's wage** to the Global Outreach Offering.

In order to promote the offering, the Conference Missions Office has ample brochures, coin folders, day's wage folders, pins, and bulletin inserts. These work, but only if they are used.

GO for the Goal!

World Missions and Evangelism USA have set goals for the quadrennium as outlined in the chart shown below. In 1996 we reached a major milestone with the million dollar GO Offering. The goal for the last year of this quadrennium is to receive one and a half million dollars for world evangelization. With the increases outlined, the goal will be reached. This will be a great accomplishment for the Kingdom of God and the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Give a gift of love to help us reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ!

GO Offering Goal for Quadrennium 1997-2000



23rd General Conference

Women's Ministries Convention • Men's Ministries Convention

Youth Quest

International Pentecostal Holiness Church

August 3-11, 1997 – Kansas City, Missouri
The Convention Center Complex
H. Roe Bartle Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Youth Quest
Teen Talent Finals, Bible Quiz Finals

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Women's Ministries
Training, Banquet

Men's Ministries Convention

Registration opens – 23rd General Conference

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Archives Breakfast

Day of Training

Resource Center Networking

WIN Luncheon

GO Rally

Reinhard Bonnke

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Youth Quest
Teen Talent Finals
Bible Quiz Finals

WIN Directors' Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Opening Ceremonies 23rd General Conference

Afternoon Business Sessions

Evening Celebration – Bishop B. E. Underwood

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Sunday School

Installation/Communion Service

Evening Celebration

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Youth Quest
Teen Talent Finals
Bible Quiz Finals
Ranger of the Year

WIN Directors' Meeting

Women's Ministries Convention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Pastor/Laymen Breakfast

Business Session – 23rd General Conference

Evening Celebration – Bishop G. E. Patterson

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Business Session – 23rd General Conference

Rambling With The Superintendent

Continued from page 2

Abortion ministry supporters!

A lovely entourage of GEMS had a good convention in Falcon. The following day I participated in the inauguration of President Richard M. Waters of Holmes College of the Bible. Dr. Waters and his dear wife Maxine are natives of Roanoke Rapids, N.C. He is an ordained minister of this conference. The Baccalaureate and Commencement activities were very inspiring to Sylvia and me.

I had the privilege of receiving the Harvest Temple Church in New Bern into the conference on Wednesday evening, May 21. Pastor Linwood Butts will serve as pastor until a replacement is found. We need a small family or a single minister who is available to move to New Bern to serve this church. The Lord has the right person to serve in this bi-vocational opportunity. A lovely apartment is included in this nice church facility.

Noteburning ceremonies are a pleasure. Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount did theirs on Sunday morning, May 25. We had a good time in church and in lunch fellowship with the congregation. This is choice, beautiful "paid for" property. The other noteburning was at the Mount Olive First Church on Saturday evening, May 31. My, what a time we had as Brothers Thompson, Harrell, Forehead and I participated with that fine congregation. Afterwards, we enjoyed delicious grilled barbecued chicken. A lot of "birds" went into the ministry that evening. This location is one of the best of any facilities in Mount Olive.

We had a very good Falcon Children's Home Board meeting on Friday, the thirtieth. Brother Wiley Clark does a super job leading this ministry. Thus the month ended.

God is blessing us in mighty and merciful ways! He is so good to give me so many great people to minister among. We are in ministry together!

CHURCHES MINISTERED IN THROUGH MAY, 1997

	Pastor
New Life, Verona	Steve Franklin
Northwood Temple	John Hedgepeth
Selma	Leroy Evans
Genesis Hispanic	Francisco Concepcion
Maranatha	Marty Mason
Independence	Randy Medlin
La Roca, Barboro	Manuel Castaneda
Cinco, Costa Rica	Pastor Gonzalez
Evangel, Hispanic	Luis Manriquez
Bethany	Hill Teachey
Family Worship Center	Bill Gill
Williamston First	Roger Leggett
Graceway Fellowship	Vince Moore
Bailey	Andrew Siders
St. Matthews	Anthony Rogers
Stantonsburg	Doug Bartlett, Interim
Westmoreland	
Ebenezer	L. B. Avery
Wilson First	Merrill Davis
Hopewell	Virgil Hacker
Hobgood	Dempsey Winstead
Gospel Tabernacle	King E. White, Sr.
Harvest Temple	Linwood Butts
Living Faith	David Butts
Mount Olive	Jimmy C. Williams

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - April 1997

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	629	----	630	502
Kinston First	634	----	254	----	321	332
The First	360	----	220	----	----	----
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	197	----	100	73
The Capital	350	----	196	----	170	212
Whitley	269	----	187	----	243	262
Tarboro First	214	----	187	----	185	179
Gospel Tabernacle	526	----	186	----	390	396
Greenville First	240	----	183	----	80	84
Mt. Carmel	336	----	163	----	181	132
Shiloh WD	288	42	135	42	187	93
Clinton	280	----	130	----	177	122
Lumberton	322	14	127	11	140	108
Robersonville	204	----	127	----	186	141
St. Pauls	176	----	126	----	132	118
Wilson First	----	----	120	----	----	80
Bizzell Grove	163	40	117	37	80	41
Harkers Island	131	----	116	----	65	61
Chadbourn	220	----	115	----	174	87
Culbreth Memorial	206	25	112	15	----	----
Peniel	260	----	109	----	108	54
Brentwood	135	----	109	----	150	141
Evangel	----	----	109	----	----	58
Wallace	227	----	104	----	67	58
Harvest Temple	158	65	102	47	111	82
Smyrna	----	----	100	----	----	68
Millennium	142	36	97	35	90	67
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	94	----	140	----
Belfast	129	----	92	----	98	48
Bethany	155	5	92	22	109	51
Benson	167	48	86	20	140	103
St. Paul	----	----	85	----	----	----
Williamston	146	15	84	10	107	66
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	77	----	86	52
Roper	89	----	76	----	86	65
Elizabethtown	89	----	75	----	11	10
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	75	----	29	30
Hobgood	100	----	74	----	----	----
Baywood	124	----	74	----	58	65
Graham Memorial	100	----	74	----	70	70
St. John	127	----	72	----	34	48
New Bern First	126	----	68	----	97	39
Emmanuel	97	----	64	----	60	50
Stantonsburg	102	----	63	----	----	----
Hollands Chapel	71	----	62	----	30	24
Mount Olive	90	----	62	----	----	----
Bridgeton	86	----	61	----	----	----
Sharon	99	1	58	1	43	29
Moores Chapel	108	----	57	----	83	50
Snow Hill	67	----	57	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	85	----	57	----	15	20
Manleys Grove	132	----	56	----	----	----
Boardman	210	----	56	----	201	32
Thomas Chapel	126	----	56	----	66	31
Thompson Chapel	104	----	55	----	59	24
Taylors Chapel	132	----	55	----	----	----
Brocks Chapel	155	----	54	----	91	34
Sanford First	94	----	52	----	49	40
Rehoboth	139	----	52	----	60	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	51	----	10	10
Wilmington	142	----	51	----	142	30
Selma	62	----	51	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	51	----	----	----
Holly Hill	98	----	50	----	72	28
Kenly	94	----	49	----	----	----
Reelsboro	95	50	48	45	59	42
Friendship WD	93	----	47	----	58	44
Spring Hope	65	----	47	----	61	48
Midway	110	----	47	----	84	39
Faith WD	65	150	46	161	----	----
Eastside	201	----	45	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	45	----	88	43
Winterville	95	----	44	----	----	----
Goshen	78	----	44	----	36	45
Carson Memorial	78	----	43	----	65	27
Liberty	44	----	43	----	----	----
Tabernacle	55	----	42	----	33	35
Hodges Chapel	86	----	41	----	----	----
Shiloh FD	91	----	41	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	90	----	40	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	53	----	40	----	28	31
Jones Grove	68	----	40	----	----	----
Maranatha	67	----	39	----	50	65
Niagara	152	----	38	----	33	23
St. Matthew	73	----	36	----	----	----
Westmoreland	141	----	35	----	88	33
Albritton	74	23	34	18	43	19
Weldon	66	----	33	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	52	----	33	----	42	37
Trinity CD	71	----	32	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	32	----	28	25
Vanceboro	36	----	31	----	----	----
Garland	63	----	31	----	----	----
Heritage	56	----	30	----	46	32
Lyon Memorial	85	----	30	----	----	----
Sneads Ferry	----	----	29	----	----	14
Sims	49	----	29	----	----	----
Independence	39	----	29	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	29	----	----	----
Spring of Living Water	46	----	28	----	36	24
New Vision	57	----	28	----	25	12
Bailey	62	----	27	----	19	20
Grifton	88	----	27	----	45	21
Abbottsburg	47	----	25	----	----	----
Alliance	43	----	25	----	42	----
Grace Community	40	----	25	----	23	14
Lamm's Grove	44	----	24	----	----	----
Wades Point	56	----	24	----	----	----
Vaughns Chapel	42	----	23	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	23	----	----	30
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Black Creek	55	----	22	----	----	----
New Covenant	42	18	22	18	28	16
Friendship NBD	38	----	22	----	30	20
New Hope	27	----	21	----	----	----
Clayton	34	6	21	6	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	21	----	19	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	12	----	----	----
Sonlight	15	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	30	----	12	----	19	----
Wakelon	13	----	10	----	----	----
Alert	56	----	10	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	7	8	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	6	----	----	----
Total:	15,866	546	8,646	496	7122	5,359
Average:	133	34	69	31	96	70
Count:	119	----	125	----	74	77

Join hundreds of young people from across America for concerts, national speakers, elective sessions, outreach opportunities, National Talent, Bible Quiz, and Ranger of the Year Finals.

For more information, call the Christian Education Department Falcon, NC (910) 980-1171 or Church Education Ministries, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 787-7110

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

3900

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27399

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | AUGUST 1997 | NUMBER 8

Celebrate the Past
Seize the Future

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
23rd GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 7 - August 11, 1997
Kansas City, Missouri

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

The 80th Anniversary celebration of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn, NC, on May 11, 1997, was highlighted by the dedication of the newly constructed Family Life Center, new offices, choir room, and several classrooms. It was a great day as we gave back to the Lord ourselves and the new facility.

The Present ministerial staff includes:
King E. White, Sr., Senior Pastor
K. Edward White, Jr., Associate Pastor
Danielle Maynor, Minister of Christian Education
Kelly L. Clarke, Youth Pastor
Danny W. Meads, Minister of Music

The Dunn Gospel Tabernacle had its beginning in a frame building on North Layton Avenue. The Rev. J. Luther Davis became Pastor of this Free Will Baptist Congregation in 1917. Plans were made to build a new church in 1919, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pope donated two lots on West Cumberland Street and South King Avenue, a fine central location.

Under the leadership of the Pastor, the work began, and through his unceasing effort and the many sacrificial gifts of the members, the first services were held in March 1920. At that time terporary windows were used. The lovely stained glass windows were installed later.

On November 15, 1992, the Dunn church became the interdenominational Gospel Tabernacle and was chartered by the State Corporation Commission. In that year they published their platform of belief summarized by the motto: "The Whole Bible for whole man; the whole gospel for the whole world."

The Rev. J. Luther Davis served as Pastor for 35 years. When he retired, a local newspaper paid this tribute: "During the leadership of Luther Davis, the Gospel Tabernacle has grow in membership and in spiritual strength and influence. The contribution of the Tabernacle to the Dunn community cannot be measured, but the impact of its impact is known by all who live here."

In 1950 the Tabernacle joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Rev. Bane T. Underwood came as Pastor in the fall of 1951, continuing to serve until 1960. In July of 1953, a 32-room addition was dedicated and damed the Davis Educational Building in honor of the Pastor emeritus.

On the evening of July 10, 1955, Rev. Davis was preaching at the Tabernacle in the absence of the Pastor. He was just beginning his sermon when he suffered a heart attack and died instantly. In his death a local editor wrote: "We doubt that the death of any other person in the Town of Dunn could have genuinely touched as many hearts as the passing of the Rev. J. Luther Davis."

In 1960 Rev. J. Doner Lee became Pastor and served until 1965. He led the congregation in the building of a beautiful new parson. He was succeeded by the Rev. Raymond Potter. During the ministry of Rev. Potter, 1965-1968, discussion was beginning to surface to the possibility of a new sanctuary for enlarging the ministry.

The Rev. King White was Pastor between 1968 and 1970, at which time he and Calvin Wellons secured the Dr. Hicks property adjacent to the church for future parking facilities. The Education Building was renovated with the installation of heating and air-conditioning. In November of 1969 a banquet was held and pledges were made to begin work on a new sanctuary.

The sanctuary was actually built during the ministry of Rev. H. C. Potter between the years of August 1970 - July 1974. The seating capacity of the new sanctuary was approximately 450 people. The new sanctuary was dedicated on April 27, 1975, after Rev. W. H. Morris assumed pastoral duties. Rev. Morris served the church until 1978 and was very instrumental in challenging the congregation to reduce the building debt, thereby laying the foundations for future growth.

In July 1978, the Rev. King E. White, Sr. returned and has continued to lead the Tabernacle since that time. During these years, the work has multiplied along all lines, with a great increase in membership, ministry and outreach. Because of this increase, in 1989 it became critical for the ministry to enlarge. Due to the lack of space on the existing property, the church was faced with the possibility of enlarging the sanctuary by an additional 250 seats and purchasing a lot across the street for parking. At the same time Emmanuel Baptist Church became available for sale.

Continued on page 6

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

* * * * * *

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

* * * * * *

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

HOPE MILLS PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH HONORS REV. & MRS. CONRAD N. HALL FOR FIFTY YEARS OF MINISTRY

On May 18, 1997, Rev. Conrad N. Hall, noted for his apostolic preaching delivered the 34th Homecoming message for the Hope Mills Church. He stressed how the Lord called him as a teenager, and he gave his heart to the Lord and preached his first sermon 50 years ago in a little place called Three Rivers, Texas, with five people saved. What has made his preaching so effective these 50 years was the "Anointing from God" in his ministry.

Rev. Hall has traveled and preached 15 years as an evangelist. His pastorate covers 35 years beginning with the first church he organized and brought into the North Carolina Conference, which was the Chadbourn Church, Chadbourn, NC. His last pastorate was 8-1/2 years at the Hope Mills Church before he retired in 1986.

At the close of the service, Reverend Ken Milliken, pastor of the church, presented an engraved plaque to Reverend and Mrs. Hall which read: "In recognition of your fifty years of dedicated ministry 1947-1997. Reverend and Mrs. Conrad N. Hall, Hope Mills Pentecostal Holiness Church Homecoming May 18, 1997."

WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie F. Priest, Sr. of Lumberton, NC, annouce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Ruth Priest to the Rev. Malcolm Craig Burney (Mike). The wedding is planned for September 20, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at New Light Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Bladenboro, NC. Rev. Burney is the pastor of the Alert Pentecostal Holiness Church in Louisburg. Kelli works with J. C. Penney's.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

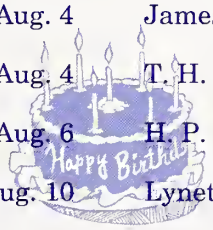
Rev. Chris Rooks

The North Carolina Conference announces that Rev. Chris Rooks is available to minister for Sunday morning and Sunday night services. You may reach him at the following address:

222 Old Roberts Road
Benson, NC 27504

Telephone 919-989-9562

Superannuated Ministers' Birthdays



Kenneth Tart	Aug. 4
W. H. Tyson	Aug. 4
L. L. Lassiter	Aug. 6
Wilbert G. Batten	Aug. 10
Joe L. Russell	Aug. 13
James H. Norton	Aug. 18
T. H. Godwind	Aug. 20
H. P. Woodard	Aug. 22
Lynette Mosley	Aug. 23
Walter V. Denning	Aug. 26

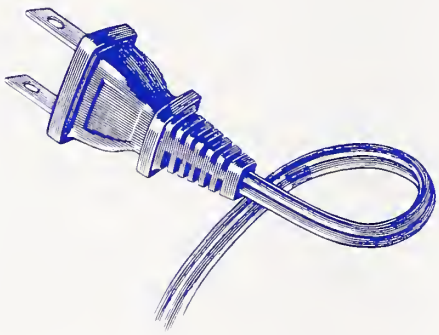
Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA...

I recently saw a picture in a magazine of an electrical cord in an idle state ... not plugged into the power source. When I saw that picture, I immediately thought how much we, as Christians, are so much of the time. With all the resources to do the job God intends us to do in this world, yet just lying in an idle state ... not plugged in. A few days after seeting that picture and thinking those thoughts, I was reading our local newspaper. On the Church Page was an article written by Rev. Carol Goehring, Co-pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church in New Bern. The article so beautifully says what was in my heart as I saw that picture. I called Carol and got her permission to share this article with you in this publication. I believe it will speak to you ... as it has to me.



Gracie Allen played the scatter-brained wife in the comedy team with her husband, Georgia Burns. In one episode, Gracie called in a repairman to fix her electric clock. The repairman fiddled with it for awhile, then told her, "There is nothing wrong with that clock. You just didn't have it plugged in." Gracie replied, "I don't want to waste electricity, so I only plug it in when I want to know what time it is."

For many of us, that is how it is with our spiritual lives. We plug it in only in a crisis or when we feel the need. Most of the time, we are unplugged, and we wonder why our lives are so devoid of power. God gave us His Holy Spirit, a gift of energy and boldness and joy. Jesus referred to this spirit as the "comforter." This word comes from Greek roots: "com" means with, and "fortis" means strength. The Holy Spirit is a strength, a power outside ourselves that is given to us. Jesus said to His disciples, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be able to do gtreater things than I did."

Before the invasion of the Holy Spirit, we are told in the book of Acts, the disciples were frightened, locked up in the Upper Room, talking in whispers lest they be discovered and charged with insurrection as Jesus had been. They prayed. The dramatic entry of the Holy Spirit is recorded in the book of Acts, where it is written that the Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, like a mighty wind, unleashing power among those gathered in the Upper Room. Best of all, this gift continues to be showered on Jesus' disciples. Today we, too, can enjoy the benefits of "The Comforter."

What difference does this spiritual connection make? As we observe in Acts, the disciples began to speak with boldness (the same frightened, cloistered disciples), and they were filled with joy. Some thought they were drunk! With gladness and joyous hearts, they praised God. And that joy spilled over to a new positive outlook, a new attitude.

Why would anyone want to be unplugged from the source of such great power? Why would anyone not want to open a bored, empty life to this joy and optimism?

What a lesson!!! We don't have to worry about wasting the power source (as was Gracie's concern). Our source is more than adequate. There is no excuse for us to lie idly by, unplugged from the mighty force of God's spirit. Let's plug into God's unending supply and be that channel through which His power and joy can flow to bless this world in Jesus' name.

GIRLS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS...

On Saturday, May 17, 1997, the NC GEMS had a day of celebration in honor of 25 years of an organized girls' program in the North Carolina Conference. Superintendent T. E. Long gave the welcome and invocation to begin the program. G'ettes from the St. John Church presented the GEMS Distinctives. In CELEBRATING THE PRESENT, special recognitions were made, including the 1997 GEMS of the Year awards. In CELEBRATING THE PAST, former conference directors of the GA's/GEMS were presented (excerpt of their introductions at the end of this article). In CELEBRATING THE FUTURE, special music was presented by a trio of Mt. Carmel GEMS. Following the closing, the girls and sponsors enjoyed a birthday party, complete with birthday cake and balloons. The 1997 GEMS Convention was truly A CELEBRATION!!!

Mrs. Linda Thomas introduced to the audience each of the former conference directors of the GA/GEMS progra. Following are excer[ts from those introductions:

It is my honor today to take you bakc to 1972 and introduce to you the ladies who have been at the forefront of the N C Conference ministry to girls for the past 25 years. In 1972, Mrs. Dollie Davenport (who served as NC Women's Auxiliary president) and her board had a vision for an active, organized program for girls in our conference. Through their initiative, such a program was begun. They set out to find a person who could share the vision and put together such a program.

For such a time as this ... and for such a task as this ... they found a leader in MRS. JANICE CRAWFORD. Janice was chosen to "start from scratch" as a pioneer in a ministry for girls. There was, at tha time, no organized on the General level. There were no guidelines nor resources. Janice and her committee, along with the help and direction of the WA Board, developed North Carolina Girl's Auxiliary. They provided leadership training workshops, retreats and held the first GA Convention in 1972. Janice served as the GA Director for eight years (1972 to 1980). She states that she felt a younger woman was needed to take the leadership at that time. Janice is married to Rev. W. A. Crawford. They are parents of Judy, Alan, and Jandra. All of their children and "in-laws" are active in their local churches. They have six grandchildren whom Janice states are the apples of her eyes. Janice worked full-time for 23 years as an education office professional and currently works part-time as a bookkeeper for Martin County Schools. I introduce you to JANICE LEWIS CRAWFORD, to share with you some of her memories of what it was like in 1972 as she began the girls' program for NC Conference ...

Younger leadership was what Janice suggested; and the WA Board

Contined on page 5

found just the person to fit the bill. I can remember qattending the Falcon GA events and seeing this new leader and thinking to myself that she looked like one of the girls. This lady might have been young and might have looked like a little girl; but she was a dynamic leader. The program was still Girls Auziliary at that time; and BEVERLY BARTS says it was truly "new ground" for her ... she said it was her training ground for leadership. Beverly is married to Rev. Terry Barts, Associate Pastor at Glad Tidings PH Church in Morehad City. They have three children: Alison, Matthew, and Michael. Beverly is very active in ministry at Glad Tidings as Children's Church Director. She also works with Terry in the youth mnistry thre. In addition, she teaches first and second grade at Morehead City Primary School. Beverly comes now to share with us some of her experiences as GA Director ...

Following Beverly's tenure, another very special lady came on the scene. VICKY BAYSDEN has served as assistant director with Beverly's team, and she was a natural to fall into the leadership role. Vicky led this program through whas I believe was even a more difficult period than the organizational period. For, you see, she had to lead the progam through a total restructuring process. This restructuring was mandated from the General WM; however, for a long period of time, no program resources were available to assist on the conference level. This was when Girls Auxiliary became GEMS – Girls Entering the Master's Service. I observed and admired Vicky for her innovative approach in providing materials and resources to the local GEMS leaders. She brought in special events and trainers to carry us through that difficult time. I especially recall the "Charm Course" which our girls at Holly Hill so much enjoyed. Vicky was truly a leader with vision for she put into action many activities that were "ahead of their time" and are now a part of the GEMS curriculum. She certainly deserves special recognition for her success in holding together a program when many local leaders were desperately calling to her for direction. Vicky is also a busy pastor's wife and mother. She is married to Rev. Mickey Baysden, and they pastor Highest Praise PH Church in Whiteville. Vicky is not present with us today; however, please join me in applauding her leadership ...

As is true in the case of every good leader, the time comes when you feel it is time to move on. This time came for Vicky, and there was another gracious lady who had worked with GEMS during Vicky's term waiting int he wings for God's anointed time for her service. She had been introduced to Girls Auxiliary leadership as a district director while Beverly Barts was director. She was also appointed GA Conference Historian, and under Vicky's leadership, she had served as Conference GEMS Secretary-Treasurer. Having proven herself to be leadership material, she was appointed by the WM Board to serve as GEMS Director in 1988. GEMS was still int he process of transition, and much of the same plight Vicky had labored under was passed on to Karan. GEMS still in the making ... no resources ... no program materials ... very little organization at the General level. However, with the effervescent personality of KARAN BARNHILL, GEMS continued to blossom. Her warmth and genuine love for God's girls, and the GEMS program made her successful. Karan is a natural with young people as she is a fifth-grade teacher at Benson Middle School. She is married to Rev. Jimmy Barnhill, pastor of Benson PH Church. Karan is also a licensed minister (received license in 1994). They have two sons: James in 10th grade and Thomas in 9th grade. May I introduce to you now Mrs. Karan Barnhill, whom I am sure you will agree still bubbles over for GEMS ...

When I was elected president in 1994, Karan had asked to be relieved of the directorship of GEMS due to other pending responsibilities. In seeking God for direction, he set my eyes on a certain lady whose talents and abilities I had witnessed first-hand. I knew SANDRA McCANDLESS had the ability to lead the organization wisely. I knew her dedication to the Lord and her love for young people. I knew of her professional capabilities and leadership strengths. Yet, because she was from my home church, I hesitated to suggest her to my board. On the day we met to discuss a selection, several names were mentioned, but nothing seemed to gel. Mary Belle Johnson had met with us, at my request, as this was our first board meeting as a new board. I had previously discussed my feelings regarding Sandra as a GEMS leader to Mary Belle. She knew my reluctance to offer Sandra's name, but she spoke up saying, "Linda, why don't you tell them who you have thought about?" Reluctantly, I mentioned Sandra and shared my feelings. It was as if it were meant to be. The board unanimously agreed that we should ask her. I went back to Vanceboro and called Sandra. She was very surprised, as I had not mentioned my feelings to her prior to that call. She told me that she would pray and discuss the matter with her family. A few days later, Sandra called me to say that she felt this was a place of service where the Lord could use her and that her husband had encouraged her to accept the position. Philip, who is the son of Rev. James McCandless, has been a constant source of encouragement to Sandra as she has taken on the duties of GEMS Director in addition to her regular job with Weyerhaeuser Company. In fact Philip is here today operating the sound system for this convention. Philip and Sandra are parents of two beautiful daughters: Ashley, a senior in high school; and Betsy, a sophomore. Both girls are active in the local GEMS program. Sandra is a member of the Holly Hill Church where she serves as pianist for the choir. She is also a GEMS sponsor, an assistant Sunday school teacher and has recently organized and is leading a youth group and drama team.

Sandra is a beautiful Christian. Her love for the Lord and for others is very evident in her everyday life. My husband calls her "Inspiration." Something special about Sandra that only a few of you would know is that her middle name is "Jewel" – and how fitting that name is for her. She truly is a jewel to North Carolina Conference GEMS program. I present to you now MRS. SANDRA JEWEL MORRIS McCANDLESS, your NC Conference GEMS Director

A SUMMER RECIPE

This MANDARIN ORANGE SALAD can be a quick and easy addition to a summer cookout or for a special dinner.

1 small container Cool Whip
1 3-ounce package orange Jello
1 12-ounce container cottage cheese
1 small can mandarin oranges
1 small can crushed pineapple

Mix dry Jello in Cool Whip, Fold in cottage cheese. Drain fruit well and mix in with Cool Whip mixture. Refrigerate before serving.

August 7 - 11, 1997 • Kansas City, Missouri

Continued from page 2

The two Church Boards met and negotiations began. On February 25, 1990, the Gospel Tabernacle members voted to purchase the Emmanuel Baptist Church property on U.S. 421 in a deal that included the swap of church buildings by the two congregations and the Gospel Tabernacle paying $32,000 in cash, which included the existing indebtedness of Emmanuel Baptist. The transation was noted in local papers as being "probably the largest church transaction in the history of this entire area. In many ways, it is unprecedented." A smooth and harmonious transition took place between the two congregations, and on May 13, 1990, both churches held the first service in their new locations.

Since the move to 215 West Cumberland Street, the Gospel Tabernacle has continued to increase in membership, ministry and outreach. Under the continued leadership of Senior Pastor King E. White, Sr., the church broke ground in October 1995 for a $1.2 million expansion that would include a Family Life Center, new offices, choir room, and several classrooms. This new facility was completed in early 1997 and is helping to enhance the present ministries and provide for future ministries.

Plans are currently being made for the next phase of construction that will include the remodeling of the present sanctuary and the opening of the balcony that give Gospel Tabernacle a seating capacity of 1000. The ministry and growth of the Gospel Tabernacle over the past 80 years has now brought it to its greatest opportunity to minister "The whole Bible for the whole man; the whole Gospel for the whole world."

Hear with your heart the words of pastor White and Gospel Tabernacle congregation:

Hitherto has the Lord helped us – I Samuel 7:12.

From a humble beginning on South Layton Avenue to the present day with buildings for worship, education and various ministries valued at over $2.5 million, God has blessed the Tabernacle.

The Tabernacle spirit and vision were born in the heart and sould of J. Luther Davis, a man of God who had a vision that encompassed "The Whole Gospel to the Whole Man to the Whole World." This has been the purpose and criteria for our existence as a church.

The Tabernacle has been a light to enlighten our city and surrounding communities. Being a city set on a hill, its light and influence now reac around the world through our missionaries and those whom God has raised up to carry the Gospel.

Our vision is not just beautiful buildings such as we see here today. Our vision is people – lost who need to be found by the Great Shepherd. People – who are suffering, sick and hurting, who need the divine touch of the Master Healer. Our vision is people – of all races and all classes for whom Christ died and whom we love in the Lord.

To this place and this time has God has brought us. Not to stop and look to the past and forget the present responsibility for the future goals and visions. We have now come to the greatest time and opportunity for which God brought this Church into existence. A great vision and goal from God lies before us. God has raised us up and brought us to this time for greater ministries, a great influence, and has endowed us with the Holy Spirit to impact our city, our society, and surrounding communities in these times of moral, spiritual, and social crisis.

God has one word for us today, "Speak unto the people that they go forward."

ɜpartments of
and World Missions

RIS THOMPSON, Director

Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

sions trips
those who
than, who
Praise the
nning the

have just
ed a lot on
d.
one during
el College.
began our
bi, Kenya,
ved up to
inistering
, Uganda,
s and four
l with the
er leaving
own called
days and
nt back to

trip. They
timated at

d for their
who were
cful. I will

S

University

GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Global Outreach Ministries, Washington, NC, recently dedicated their remodeled facilities. They are sharing facilities with Eagles' Wings of Washington. The church is pastored by Rev. Marc Swanner. Some 60 were present for the dedication.

August 7 - 11, 1997 • Kansa

Continued from page 2

The two Church Boards met and negotiations began. On February 25, 1990, the Gospel Tabernacle members voted to purchase the Emmanuel Baptist Church property on U.S. 421 in a deal that included the swap of church buildings by the two congregations and the Gospel Tabernacle paying $32,000 in cash, which included the existing indebtedness of Emmanuel Baptist. The transation was noted in local papers as being "probably the largest church transaction in the history of this entire area. In many ways, it is unprecedented." A smooth and harmonious transition took place between the two congregations, and on May 13, 1990, both churches held the first service in their new locations.

Since the move to 215 West Cumberland Street, the Gospel Tabernacle has continued to increase in membership, ministry and outreach. Under the continued leadership of Senior Pastor King E. White, Sr., the church broke ground in October 1995 for a $1.2 million expansion that would include a Family Life Center, new offices, choir room, and several classrooms. This new facility was completed in early 1997 and is helping to enhance the present ministries and provide for future ministries.

Plans are currently being made for the next phase of construction that will include the remodeling of the present sanctuary and the opening of the balcony that give Gospel Tabernacle a seating capacity of 1000. The ministry and growth of the Gospel Tabernacle over the past 80 years has now brought it to its greatest opportunity to minister "The whole Bible for the whole man; the whole Gospel for the whole world."

Hear with your heart the words of pastor White and Gospel Tabernacle congregation:

Hither
From a
present d
ministrie
Tabernac
The Ta
and sould
that enco
the Whol
our existe
The Ta
surroundi
and infl
missionar
Gospel.
Our vi
here toda
by the Gr
hurting, v
vision is p
died and
To this
stop and l
for the fu
greatest
Church ir
before us.
for greate
with the
surroundi
and social
God ha
that they

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Each year several of our youth are involved in missions trips overseas. These trips forever change the lives of those who participate. Below is a short note from my son, Nathan, who spent four weeks in Africa. He is forever changed. Praise the Lord for Dr. Paul Oxley and Emmanuel College for planning the trip and all those contributed to help Nathan go.

Ministry In Africa

Hi!

It is wonderful to be back home in America. I have just returned from my missions trip in Africa. I have learned a lot on this trip, but most of all, I have grown a lot closer to God.

I am writing this note to testify of what God has done during our trip. I went with a team of seven from Emmanuel College. Dr. Paul Oxley and his wife Beverly led the trip. We began our trip by going into some of our P. H. churches in Nairobi, Kenya, to minister there for a couple of days. Then we moved up to Eldoret, Kenya, to hold a pastor's conference. After ministering there for a couple of days, we moved on into Mokono, Uganda, and held some open air crusades for about five days and four nights. Many people were healed, saved, and filled with the Spirit. Thousands came and were touched by God. After leaving Mokono, we went back into Kenya, to a little rural town called Chavacolli. We held open air crusades there for three days and two nights, and, boy, did God show up. Finally, we went back to Nairobi to rest, and prepare for the flight home.

I want to thank everyone who helped me make the trip. They helped to make a great impact on my life. We have estimated at least 1,000 people were saved from the whole trip.

Those who helped me go to Africa will be blessed for their generosity. They are directly responsible for those who were saved. I will always remember the trip and be thankful. I will never be the same.

FALL MISSIONS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

August 16 Robersonville Church
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Special Speaker, Dr. Howard Foltz, Regent University

October 18 World Mission F.E.S.T.
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Falcon, NC
Conference Training Center

October 19 Mini Missions F.E.S.T.
Robersonville Church
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

October 20 Mini Missions F.E.S.T.
Berne Restaurant, New Bern
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Global Outreach Ministries, Washington, NC, recently dedicated their remodeled facilities. They are sharing facilities with Eagles' Wings of Washington. The church is pastored by Rev. Marc Swanner. Some 60 were present for the dedication.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS FOR 1997

Each year Evangelism USA, evangelism ministries of Oklahoma City, provides certain awards for churches who show a good rate of growth. The awards are in two categories, Gold and Silver. The Gold Award is based on decadal growth rate of 100 percent or greater. The Silver Award is based on annual growth rate of 10 percent or greater. The rate is calculated on the composite (average) of church membership, systematic Bible study attendance, and morning worsh attendance. Below are the winners for 1996. These awards were given out at the annual Conference, July 25. Congratulations to each of these churches and pastors.

Director's Gold Awards

1.	Ahoskie	Pastor Danny Harris	103%
2.	Alliance	Pastor Lee Toler	178%
3.	Calvary	Pastor Roger Banks	111%
4.	Faith	Pastor Danny Gurganus	217%
5.	Midway	Pastor Randy Anderson	700%
6.	Glad Tidings	Pastor Maurice Phelps	132%
7.	New Hope	Pastor Annie Norman	134%
8.	Robersonville	Pastor Noah Barefoot	112%
9.	Scotland Neck	Pastor Anthony Smith	133%
10.	Stantonsburg	Pastor Tony Hawley	114%
11.	Whitley	Pastor Ferrell Hardison	146%
12.	Eastside	Pastor Calvin Trueblood	166%

Director's Silver Awards

1.	Maranatha	Pastor Marty Warren	32%
2.	Belhaven	Pastor Medford Hopkins	20%
3.	Bethel	Pastor Frank Gentry	10%
4.	Brentwood	Pastor Julian Thompson	16%
5.	Heritage	Pastor Rudolph Britt	11%
6.	Chadbourn	Pastor Jim Skinner	12%
7.	Crystal Coast	Pastor Gordon Morris	15%
8.	Trinity	Pastor Lotis Joyner	27%
9.	Elizabethtown	Pastor Jeff Brown	11%
10.	Emmanuel	Pastor Frank Elliott	12%
11.	Spring of Living Water	Pastor Tim Leggett	28%
12.	Graham Memorial	Pastor Bill Hooper	29%
13.	Hobgood	Pastor Dempsey Winstead	19%
14.	Independence	Pastor Randy Medlin	17%
15.	Manley Grove	Pastor Marvin Rogers	14%
16.	Merritts Chapel	Pastor Wiley Vick	17%
17.	Micro	Pastor Jonathan Gregory	13%
18.	New Creation	Pastor Jim Springston	23%
19.	Snow Hill	Pastor Bobby West	36%
20.	Spring Hope	Pastor Elmer Mooring	17%
21.	The Genesis	Pastor Vernon Potter	22%
22.	Vicks Chapel	Pastor Selma Webb	12%
23.	Wilson First	Pastor Merrill Davis	16%
24.	Winter Park	Pastor Jay Young	16%

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

FALCON YOUTH CAMP RETROSPECT

Excitement fills the car with energy.

"Mama, are we there yet?"

I recognize the feeling so well because I always felt the same on the way to Falcon Youth Camp. It really thrills me that now, years later, my own children are able to experience their "youth camp" era.

I am so very thankful for Falcon Youth Camp. I watched potential problem children sit in awe as the evangelist drew. I saw and prayed with many little ones as they asked Jesus into their hearts for the first time. I listened to them learn new songs about Jesus' love for them. My heart was touched each night hearing the praises and requests of each child. **What a blessing!**

Not only do chldren grow into a deeper relationship with the Lord, they also make lifelong friends, learn more about themselves, develop some independence from parents, have great recreation with plenty of exercise (I must have walked 50 miles that week!), and get to take a great craft home. What a nice break from the norm of everyday living. Not once did my children ask for a TV. Can you imagine?

Thank you, North Carolina Conference, and thank you, staff, for providing our young people with such a place as Falcon Youth Camp. **From a mother's heart, I thank you for not giving up on our children.** (Bonita Spain)

What a wonderful week! It is best remembered by words like:

LAUGHTER: Echoing across the campus and throughout the dorms as young people enjoyed the energy and excitement of being together.

BROKENNESS: Reflected in the faces and tears of young people who sought the Lord and lingered in the altar as HE changed their lives.

GROWTH: As young lives prayed through to deeper experiences; several testified to receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

WITNESSING: Hearing the personal testimonies proclaiming victory.

MINISTRY: On Wednesday night a group of approximately 30 presented a wonderful drama, "LET THE CHURCH RISE" and on Thursday night, three different choirs, each ministered a special song they had learned during the week. **IT WAS AWESOME!**

Young people are ready to **"MAKE A BOLDER STATEMENT"** and **Falcon Youth Camp** will help them to do it. (Randal Strickland)

The week of Senior Camp should have been called Senior Week of Revival. Every night the teens found themselves at the altar praying for God's will to be done in their lives. The Camp Evangelist ministered the truth, and **the truth set our teens free.** Wednesday night, he spoke on Gideon's spark to start a revival. The altar call was given, and the altar call did not conclude until 3:30 a.m. There were 20 saved, 16 sanctified, and 30 filled with the Holy Spirit. (Charles Boyd)

I have served on Falcon Youth Camp Staff since 1977. Many children have come and gone through the years. For the first time in all my years of serving, I served as Dean of Camp this year. I observed things from a different perspective this week; yet in comparison, I particularly took note of three things:

1) I noticed that although many of the kids were first-time campers, they were extremely well behaved.

2) I developed a new love and appreciation for the lay staff and ministers, without which youth camp would be impossible.

3) Most of all my heart was greatly moved by the innocence I saw in the faces of our campers. **I was reminded of the love Jesus had for the children.** God blessed in this week of camp in His own wonderful way. May God use each of us to reach as many of our young people as we can. (Willis Pearson)

Falcon Youth Camp 1997? Fantastic! After working in our youth camps for 25 years, doing everything from special worker to horse director to dean of boys, I can truthfully say this was one of the best years ever.

I was especially impressed with the quality and commitment of the staff this year. And the campers? They were great! These kids are on fire for God and ready to make an impace on their generation for Christ. Thank God for the influence of Falcon Youth Camp on these young lives, and the impact it has had and continues to have on our denomination as a whole. **I'm in the ministry because of Youth Camp.** Many of these young peole will be as well. (Dwight Dunning)

OFFICE USE ONLY!

Date Received: _____
Amount Received: $ _____
Check # _____
Date Deposited: _____
Amount Due: _____

BUCKAROO/STRAIGHT ARROW FIELD DAY
September 13, 1997

Registration _____

Church _____

Sr. Commander _____

Address _____ City _____ **NC** Zip _____

Telephone Number: ( ) - _____

Those who will attend: (Please reproduce this form to list additional names)

NAME	DIVISION

Total Number Attending: _____

Total Registration Fee: $ _____

($8.00 per person if you register before August 25, 1997. $11.00 per person after August 25)
*** * * * FULL REGISTRATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS F0RM * * * ***

Make Check Earmarked "B/SA Field Day" Payable To:

Christian Education Department
P.O. Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342

Phone: (910) 980-1162

FAX: (910) 980-1634

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

C289.9
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | SEPTEMBER 1997 | NUMBER 9

Education: A Lifetime Experience

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

INSPIRATIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday, July 15, 1997

CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I praise our all-gracious Lord for His calling and anointing on my life for ministry. It is my treasured joy to serve Him.

I am grateful to my wife, Sylvia, and my family for their faithful support. The congregations of this Conference have contributed so much to my spiritual well-being too.

The Conference Board you have chosen is a dedicated team of leaders. The other ministry Boards of this Conference are equally committed to this ministry.

Pastors, you opened your pulpits to me to speak on 169 groups, sometimes in my office, pastors' studies, homes, restaurants and other locations. I have chaired meetings of the Conference Board, Christian Education, Evangelism, Missions and Falcon Children's Home Boards. I have participated in meetings with the Zone Superintendents, General Board of Administration, General World Missions Board, and Emmanuel College Board of Education. I led the activities of the Falcon and Pine Grove Camp meetings, Christian Workers' Institute and 12 Bi-District Conference Rallies. I conducted "Day with the Superintendent" seminars for the Conference clergy. All this required considerable time and energy.

Mrs. Linda Thomas, – Conference WM President and the Conference Women's Ministries Board – the 12 District Directors, and each local church Women's Ministries leadership team are a mighty force for ministry in each community. The impact and effect of this valuable entity for girls encircles the globe in a caring and sharing influence.

GEMS is led by Mrs. Sandra McCandless, a lady who is supported by a dedicated army of **Girls** and women who believe in **Entering** the **Master's Service**.

Our Assistant Conference Superintendent, Brother D. Chris Thompson, is the Director of Evangelism and World Missions for this Conference. The obvious results of his commitment to Global Harvest is reflected in the revitalization of a number of churches which are served by pastors he has influenced in seminars, personal contacts and other forums of instruction. He leads a team of 12 district directors and 36 other district unit leaders and a World Missions Committee of nine Holy-Spirit anointed men and women. When I observe, as chairman, the monumental challenge these dear people have accepted, I readily understand why we continue to grow at home and in our support of His Harvest in all the world.

I praise God for the large number of evangelists and missionaries who are members of this Conference. I envision an unprecedented church growth possibility in the days ahead should our Lord tarry in His return to receive His own.

The Conference Financial Office was directed by a very qualified leader, Secretary/Treasurer Brother Gary Strickland. However, at the 1996 Conference session we chose to make that office full time. Brother Strickland decided to stay in the pastorate. You chose Brother Roland Horol to serve as the full-time Conference Stewardship Officer. Brother Horol has gotten off to a very effective start in this ministry. The best days for this ministry are ahead!

Brother Bobby Forehand continues to serve diligently and effectively as Conference Christian Education Director.

The faithful commitment of a host of supporters throughout this network of local church youth and Christian Education leaders give this Director and Board encouragement. Youth and Teen Talent, Bible Quiz, Royal Rangers and Falcon Youth Camp continue to be a viable stream of recruiting and training young people and children in the Gospel Ministry.

Brother Forehand also serves as Royal Rangers National Commander. He and Conference Commander, Colonel Bill Linn, U.S. Army (retired), have a profound influence on a multitude of men and boys in service of our Lord.

Men's Ministries, led by Brother Phil Mooring, is a growing group of men dedicated to the cause of Christ. I believe, with the total cooperation of our pastors, that this ministry can continue to develop into one of the strongest bases of support for the work of pastors in the local church. We must release them into ministry more than ever!

WIN, "World Intercession Network," continues to be a strong arm of this ministry. Conference Board Member, Pastor Danny Nelson, is our dedicated Director. He and a team of local church WIN directors from across this Conference are constantly mobilizing and encouraging our folks to continually stay committed to the ministry of intercessory prayer. This ministry is one of the most opportune strategies we have been given by our Lord.

Mrs. Sylvia Long, my wife, continues to lead the Ministers' Wives Fellowship. This effort is a valuable opportunity available to all ministers' wives. In this day of a vast array of forces that assail the home and ministry, every pastor and evangelist's wife needs this involvement.

The conference Resource Development Center staff is made up of valuable personnel. Dolores Reynolds, Lisa Clifton, Kay Glover, Rose Nelson, Westa Barefoot, Lib Collins, Tommy Vaughan, and Bobby and Ruby West are the dear people who keep the everyday work of the office going. This is a dedicated team of true students.

Every pastor, evangelist, superannuated minister, mission worker, and local church member are responsible for this ministry. You are the key to any success the Lord grants us. Your prayer life and lifestyle will greatly determine our future of this church and the world around us.

To God be the Glory!

Continued on page 4

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

New Bern, North Carolina

Harvest Temple Full Gospel Church was organized in March of 1984 with Rev. Linwood Butts as pastor. The first service was held on March 18, 1984, in the WRNB Radio Station on Trent Road located in New Bern, North Carolina. The church worshiped there for four services before relocating to the American Legion Building. Land was soon purchased to build a new church. They moved into the new church on River Road on Dec. 29, 1985. Twenty people were present for the first service.

On April 23, 1997, the church made the decision to join with the Pentecostal Holiness denomination. North Carolina Conference Superintendent T. Elwood Long ministered to the church on Wednesday, May 21, 1997. During that service he officially received the church into the conference.

Welcome, Harvest Temple congregation!

CEDAR POINT PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

It was my privilege to preside over the dedication of the "new" Cedar Point Pentecostal Holiness Church on Sunday morning, June 15, 1997. Nearly 100 people were present for the great day. Pastor David Harper and the congregation are to be commended for a job "WELL DONE."

The beautiful new church structure is located off Highway 17 between Cedar Point and Swansboro, NC, on Bluff Road. The church was formerly called the Shekinah Church. The new structure is easily seen from Highway 17.

The congregation occupied the new structure in June. They had been worshiping at the Hood Memorial Building. The former Shekinah building was sold last year. The congregation is enjoying their new facility and new location and with a minimal debt load. The people and pastor have had a mind to work.

We were blessed on the dedication Sunday not only by the new facilities but by a powerful sense of God's presence. After the service, everyone enjoyed a real down-east homecoming type meal.

The North Carolina Conference announces that Reverend Samuel Weaver, Sr. is available to minister on weekends and revivals.

Please contact Brother Weaver at: ***4313 Hwy US 70 West***
Princeton, NC 27569
Or call: 1-919-735-4205

The State of the Conference

Continued from page 1

	1994	1995	1996
Closing Church Membership	21,158	22,193	23,134
Closing S.S. Membership	21,483	21,746	20,646
Closing Youth Min. Membership	9,700	10,086	10,055

Average Attendance for 1996:

A.M. Worship	Sunday School	Youth Ministries
15,881	11,495	6,168

Twelve were received during 1996 by transfer
Seven retired during 1996
Three deceased during 1996
Four transferred out during 1996
Three withdrew during 1996
One was reinstated during 1996
Fourteen received license at 1996 Conference session
Three were received by Conference Board during 1996
Four missionaries transferred in during 1996
Two changed to Missionary status during 1996

Total Enrolled at the end of 1996:

Ordained	Licensed	Total of these Superannuated	Mission Workers
279	72	79	89

The Lord of His Harvest beckons! We must hasten to do as He bids.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Elwood Long
Superintendent
North Carolina Conference
Pentecostal Holiness Church

Pastor Roger Banks accepts congratulations on Calvary Church receiving the most points in the Conference's new 100 Point Evaluation System.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE "100 Point Evaluation System"

1996 was the first year for utilizing this system of progress evaluation. Many of our local churches excelled. The District Church top point receiver was recognized at the Spring Bi-District Conference Evangelism Rallies in April 1997. The top point receiver was recognized at the Inspirational Conference on Friday, July 25, 1997.

The Calvary Church in the Lumberton District was the North Carolina Conference winner for 1996 with 153 points. Congratulations to Pastor Roger Banks and the Calvary congregation.

District winners for 1996 are as follows:

DISTRICT	CHURCH	PASTOR	POINTS EARNED
Clinton	Midway	Randy Anderson	107
Fayetteville	Mt. Carmel	Gary Strickland	100
Goldsboro	The First Church	Jimmy Whitfield	88
Greenville	Spr. of Living Water	Timothy Leggett	128
Lumberton	Calvary	Roger Banks	153
Morehead City	Maranatha	Marty Warren	133
New Bern	Heritage	Rudolph Britt	135
Raleigh	Emmanuel	Frank Elliott	96
Rocky Mount	Trinity	Lotis Joyner	119
Williamston	Ahoskie	Danny Harris	125
Wilmington	Winter Park	Jay Young	109
Wilson	Snow Hill	Bobby West	132

District Conference Reporting and Award System

1.The following are included for consideration:

Church Membership	A.M. Worship Attendance	Sunday School Systematic Bible Study Attendance	Regular Receipts (Tithes)	Conference Budget 9%	General Tithe 10%

2. Statistical reporting will be the same as on the monthly reports and as tracked by General Headquarters

   a) Church Membership,

   b) A.M. Worship Attendance

   c) Sunday School/Systematic Bible Study.

3. Churches who pay full percentage (General Tithe – 10% and Conference Allocation – 9%) will be recognized with an appropriate certificate.

4. Reporting and awards will be on an annual basis.

5. Award system for churches will be based on a 100-point system (see next page).

6. An appropriate "gift" per district will be awarded to the church with the highest number present at District Conference.

7. An appropriate "gift" will be awarded per district to the church with the highest number of points (100-point system).

8. An appropriate GRAND GIFT AWARD will be awarded to the church in the Conference with the highest number of points (100-point system).

9. The District awards will be given at the First District Conference per calendar year.

Continued on page 5

LOCAL CHURCH
DISTRICT CONFERENCE EVALUATION REPORT
100 Point System

CATEGORY I – 30 Plus Points*

A. Gain in A.M. Attendance
(5 points for gain – then one point for each % gained) _____

B. Gain in Church Membership
(5 points for gain – then one point for each % gained) _____

C. Gain in Sunday School (Systemic Bible Study)
(5 points for gain – then one point for each % gained) _____

CATEGORY II – Attendance Points – 20 Points

A. Pastor Present – 10 points
(5 points for each District Conference) _____

B. Delegate Present – 10 points
(5 points for each District Conference) _____

CATEGORY III – Financial Support – 45 points

A. General Tithe – 10 points
(5 points for first 5% – all or no points – then one extra point for each added percent above 5%) _____

B. Conference Allocation – 10 points
(5 points for first 5% – all or no points – then one extra point for each added percent above 5%) _____

C. One extra point if church pays full 19% _____

D. Other Conference Department Support – 15 plus points
(3 points for each – Church Education Ministries, Conference Evangelism, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, W.I.N., Children's Home, GEMS, Royal Rangers) (extra credit may be realized here). _____

E. Support World Missions and/or USA Evangelism – 5 points _____

F. Support Conference Building Fund – 5 points _____

CATEGORY IV – Promptness of Reports

Reports Are Promptly Received in Falcon – 5 points
(Monthly, Semi-Annual, Annual) _____

TOTAL _____

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA...

September? Already? Can we believe that summer has passed, and we are on the verge of another season? The flowers are fading now...just a few asters and marigolds left at my house. The grass is losing the lush green luster and no longer requires a weekly trim. The trees are beginning to change colors, and leaves will soon turn loose their grips on the branches and fall to the ground. Days are getting shorter – fewer hours of daylight into which to cram so much activity. Yes, September is here again. We are heading into a new season.

September is a significant month for me – particularly this September. You see, in September of 1942, I was born into a loving family. From what I have been told, I was very much welcomed by my parents, two older brothers, and a host of family and friends. I was born a fat little bundle with rosy cheeks and a head full of black curls. My brother, Jimmie, says it didn't take too long for them to spoil me really well. He tells lots of stories about my crying and he and my other brother, Curtis, having to care for me. I really do owe them much thanks; for not only did they care for me as a baby, but they have always stood by me and supported me in each endeavor of life, even to this day.

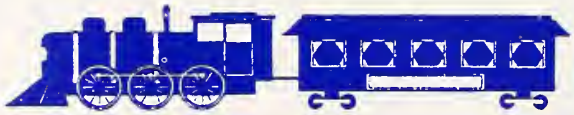
The Spring of my life was a most joyous one. My childhood was filled with many wonderful experiences. When I was five, my sister, Peggie, was born. Then three years later, Oral Dean and Gloria Jean (twins) were born to our family. There was never a dull moment. We were a busy farm family. Daddy worked the fields – and everybody else in the house who was old enough helped him. Moma had a full-time job keeping house and meeting the daily needs of her big family. My maternal grandparents lived in a house on our farm, and they were always a "holler" away (no telephones at our house then). There was hardly ever a day when a cousin or two didn't show up for play time. On Saturday nights, Moma would polish our shoes and lay out our clothes for church. Come Sunday morning, it was a hustle getting us all dressed and to Holly Hill for Sunday school and church. Our already full car always made a stop to pick up my great-aunt to take her with us. Then on Sunday night, we did a repeat performance. Mid-week prayer meeting was also a routine part of our weekly activities. The rest of the time was spent working and playing together as a family. I attended school for 12 years with the same group of friends and was so blessed with good health that I was not absent a single day in the the entire 12 years. During those years, I was also blessed to be able to have training to develop the talents God had given me. In looking back to my childhood, I feel that the greatest impact made on my life – other than that of my family – was by my church family. The spiritual training, support and encouragement received from them contributed greatly to who I am today.

I really don't know exactly when spring turned into summer in my life story. I graduated from high school and moved to Raleigh to attend college. Upon completion of school, I returned home to accept a job with DuPont Company in Kinston. Then in October, 1963 I married my high school sweetheart. We set up housekeeping in Vanceboro and were still close to family and friends with whom we had grown up. We still attended Holly Hill church every time the doors opened – just like I was brought up to do. In 1966, God blessed our home with a beautiful little red-headed boy. I chose then to be a stay-at-home mom, and Joe worked hard to support his new family. In subsequent years, we were blessed with two other sons and finally a daughter. Our lives have been full of rich experiences. Joe and I were very involved with our church, our community, and our children's activities. Also, during those years, we had a very active part in caring for my parents through their sicknesses and my grandmother as well. The summer of my life was a very busy season (guess that's why summer has longer days).

But here I am now. It's September! This year is my 55th birthday – the one that officially entitles me a Senior Citizen. I am not beginning the fall season of life. I've noticed that, like the fading summer flowers, my cheeks aren't as rosy as they used to be. Like the leaves on the trees, my hair has changed colors. My face has developed a few wrinkles, and my body has begun to sag. The days must not be as long as they used to be, for I can't seem to accomplish as much now in a day. But I love the fall, for there is a cripsness about the cool air. There is a recognition that all God's creation is preparing itself for even another season. I find this true in my life as well. My priorities are more focused now on preparing for the winter of my life. Oh, as long as God allows me, I will continue to be active. I intend to enjoy every minute and give life all I've got. I'm not at all ready to go into hibernation; but I do view life from a different perspective. I used to hear an elderly gentleman, Uncle Offie Ross, say in his testimonies, "I want my last days to be my best for the Lord." That's where I am now. I'm ready to go full steam ahead. The things I accumulate in this life will matter little when I leave them all behind. The most important mark I can make is the influence I leave on someone else – who will pass it on to someone else – and so on. So, I want to spend these September years building bridges for younger people...helping them to get across the deep chasms of life that they will face...holding a light for them to see their way through the darkness of this world...lending a helping hand or giving an encouraging word. For you see, this is the reason my Spring and Summer were so blessed. There were those who did that for me.

September? Already? Yes, it's here! How exciting! You know, I have noticed the dogwood trees in my yard. The colors of their autumn leaves are just as beautiful as the white blossoms were in the spring. I trust that the autumn of my life will bring that kind of beauty to this world. And as the leaves begin to fall, I look forward to skipping through them together with my friends and enjoying the cool breezes of a brand new season of life.

HARVEST TRAIN • • •



• • • NOVEMBER 25

SHARING SISTERS REPORT...

Westa Barefoot, WM President of Peniel PH Church, reports: " I have not always done everything 'right'; however, recently I used a lesson learned in WM Leadership Seminars that proved to be 'right.' In conversations with my friend, Marie, I had picked up on the fact that she kept an eye open for new and creative ideas. I asked her to be responsible for our decorations for the Sharing Sisters event in June. I knew it would be very nice, but I had not expected to be so overwhelmed when I opened the door to the fellowship hall that morning to 'take a peep.' (She wouldn't let me go the evening before when they were decorating. She wanted me to be surprised.) It was simply lovely. You see, Marie has a friend, Freddie, who has access to decorative materials and has worked doing large banquet halls. She came out and helped. (You see how the chain works when we don't try to do it all ourselves.) That takes care of the decorations. I really wish you could have been there."

Westa continues, "Now on to the food...Several years ago my friend, Frances, came up with the idea of doing all kinds of salads. Each lady was assigned a certain salad. Along with the salads were cheeses, roast beef, and ham. Well, if one didn't know how to make the salad, Frances had the recipe. It was not only an excellent way to fill our table with delicious and decorative foods, but it was a learning process for our younger ladies. As you can imagine, we got raving reviews!

"You know, you always have a program. This year we were blessed with two WM groups as Sharing Sisters, Midway and Trinity. It dropped into my spirit that we needed the two invited groups to do our program. I asked one group to have a short devotion and music and the other to do a short devotion and a game. I sat in amazement as the program evolved to see how it just all fit together to show us how God needs us all joined together in unity to lift one another up in the Body of Christ.

"By now I know you want to be our Sharing Sister, and we would love to have you because our leader has learned that she doesn't have to do it all herself. P.S. We had 52 ladies present. Isn't that wonderful for way out in the country???"

Janet Bradley, WM Secretary at Westmoreland PH Church in Wilson reports: "Just wanted to share this picture of our Sharing Sisters meeting. We had a breakfast meeting with the ladies from the Bailey Church and Wilson First Church. We had a total of 26 ladies to attend. Mrs. Sylvia Long was our guest speaker. We had a wonderful time in the Lord."

HAPPY HEARTS

Mrs. Pearl McRoy of The First Church in Goldsboro is pictured here as she attended the April meeting of the Happy Hearts. Mrs. Pearl, along with more than 100 of her peers, enjoy their two meetings per year. The next meeting is scheduled for October. Look for details to be sent to local presidents and Happy Hearts liaisons.

CAFETERIA FURNISHINGS DONORS...

A great big **THANKS** to the following groups and individuals who contributed to the Women's Ministries fund-raiser to furnish new tables and chairs for the Cafeteria Building.

IN MEMORY OF:	
Douglas G. Mitchell by Florence "Marie" Mitchell	$240.00
Miss Ida Taylor by Hodges Chapel WM	80.00
Beth Lee by Williamston WM	40.00
Ernest Johnson by Sarah Fuquay	40.00
Rev. & Mrs. Alvah Watson by Joe & Linda Thomas	200.00
Mary Willis by Smyrna WM	200.00
Maggie Morris by Holly Hill WM	200.00
Hilda Pollard by her children & family	200.00
Richard & Joy Bowers	
Wayne & Betty Pollard	
Charles & Freda Pollard	
IN HONOR OF:	
Hortense Johnson by Snow Hill WM	25.00
Sallie Morris by Holly Hill WM	200.00
UNASSIGNED GIFTS:	
Lumberton First WM	200.00
Bethany WM	40.00
Bizzell Grove WM	40.00
Goshen WM	200.00
Clinton WM	200.00
Rev. Conrad & Mavis C. Hall	400.00
Maranatha WM	200.00
Reelsboro WM	80.00
Niagara WM	80.00
St. Paul WM	40.00
St. John WM	520.00
Jacksonville WM	75.00
Moore's Chapel WM	40.00
Bethel WM	200.00
Bethany YWM	40.00
Shelmerdine WM	50.00
New Bern First WM	200.00
Benson WM	120.00
Ayden WM	50.00
Shiloh WM (Wilson District)	200.00
Peniel WM	200.00
Thunder Swamp WM	50.00
Vaughan's Chapel WM	40.00
Clayton – Lucille Thomas	40.00
Miscellaneous (unidentified)	124.00
TOTAL	$4,854.00

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

KINSTON FIRST

On June 29, 19 teenagers and 9 adults from the Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church went to New York to be a part of Gospel Outreach to invade the streets of New York City in a witnessing effort. The group consisted of approximately 500 teenagers from all over the country.

Classes began early each morning to prepare these teens to know the basic concepts of witnessing. The first class was, "The Ultimate Weapon, Prayer."

Many of the teenagers who attended from Kinston had just returned from Falcon Youth Camp, where they had experienced a genuine revival. They were spiritually prepared to go out into the streets and tell others about a Savior who had died for them. However, they needed the training to assist them in how to become an effective witness.

The first main session topic began with, "How to Start a Conversation," after which each participant had to tell his or her salvation story to someone sitting beside him. "Presenting the Gospel," was the focus for the fourth session. Scriptures were memorized on how to win someone to Christ. They were taught the key components for courage and weapons for combat. These sessions prepared them to visit the parks throughout the city and begin to win the lost.

One adult was assigned to three teenagers. This adult was the Cord Leader. The Cord Leader was responsible for leadership both spiritually and physically. I was fortunate to have had the pleasure of being on of these assigned Cord Leaders. The experience changed my life and how I view and value what teenagers can and will do for a lost soul.

In the midst of the busiest time of day, on the subway, I watched and listened intently as our group sang praises to God and witnessed to those on the subway. I watched the faces of those who had been given tracts. I saw a change in the eyes of those to whom had been given the plan of salvation, from a look of helplessness to one of hope.

Blaire Hardee said, "I developed a confidence about being a Christian that I never had before. I also realized how important it is to witness, because everyone I ministered to didn't have a clue about God and the Bible."

Kriston Bronson said, "I have become more compassionate. I now want to spread the Gospel to other people at home."

The best part of the trip for Sarah Rader was witnessing to a lady who was Jewish. John Pearson felt a definite call into ministry during this trip.

Upon arriving back in Kinston, these teens, led by their youth pastor Johnny Williams, gave personal testimonies of their witnessing experiences. Before they left New York, every participant was asked to write down six names of close friends or relatives that they wanted to come to Christ. They were challenged to come home and start a spark with witnessing to those whose names had been written down. The teens of Kinston First have done exactly what they were challenged to do – and they have started the spark! Our group calls themselves TNT for Teens In Touch. They are in touch with God and their fellow man – Praise God!

Submitted by Anne H. Williams

HISPANIC UPDATE

The second Spanish-speaking District Conference has been scheduled for Sept. 24 at the La Roca, Tarboro Church. The pastor is Manuel Castaneda. It will be a workshop conference.

The FIRST Spanish Camp Meeting has been scheduled for Falcon on October 3, 4, & 5. The speaker will be Rev. Elvio Conavesio. The services will be in Spanish.

Three new Hispanic clergy members are ministering in the Conference. They are Rev. Guillermo Flores, Fernando Angulo, and Luis Avila. Brother Flores is ministering at Kinston First, Wallace, and Seven Springs. He has joined the Conference as an ordained minister. Rev. Fernando Angulo is a member of the Costa Rican Conference. He is working at Gospel Tabernacle. Rev. Luis Avila is a member of the Costa Rican Conference. He is starting a Hispanic church at the Greenville First Church.

CHURCH MERGERS

The Faith Church and New Life Tabernacle churches in Greenville have merged as of July 16. Their first joint service was Sunday, July 20. The newly installed pastor is Rev. Willard Haddock.

The West Bank Church in Leland has joined with the Sonlight Church. The new pastor is Rev. Jerry Green. He was a member of the N.C. Conference several years ago. Welcome home, Brother Green. He has returned "bringing his sheaves with him." Rev. Mrs. Patsy Vaughan will be the assistant pastor.

FALL MISSIONS F.E.S.T.'s

The annual Fall Mission F.E.S.T.'s (Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training) will be as follows:

Saturday, October 18 – Falcon
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Includes Lunch)
Conference Training Center

Monday, October 20 – Robersonville
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Includes Supper)
Robersonville Church

Tuesday, October 21 – Robersonville
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Includes Supper)
Berne Restaurant

The Monday and Tuesday F.E.S.T.'s will be mini-versions of the Saturday F.E.S.T. Every effort is being made by the Conference Staff to get the information to churches.

Those who are invited to the F.E.S.T.'s are clergy and spouses, local missions directors and spouses, local committee members, and anyone interested in World Missions

There is no registration fee for the meetings. A love offering will be taken. ***Pre-registration is required.***

Raymond Potter and Director Chris Thompson announce the miraculous offering.

N.C. CONFERENCE
July 31, 1997
"GO" Offering Report

Total Pledges	$186,278.48
Total Cash Received	$160,433.57
Total Miscellaneous Cash	$ 1,261.66
Total of Pledges and/or Cash	$191,869.85
If those we have not heard from and who gave last year will give the same amount, then the cash or pledges would be:	$194,978.15

At this point 16 churches have neither given nor pledged.

23 pastors have qualified for incentive gifts.

Districts who met and exceeded goals – (pledges)

Fayetteville	Raleigh
Greenville	Rocky Mount
Lumberton	Wilmington
Morehead City	

Districts Who Increased – (pledges)

Fayetteville	Morehead City	Williamston
Goldsboro	New Bern	Wilmington
Greenville	Raleigh	
Lumberton	Rocky Mount	

In order to be counted for the 1997 "GO"Offering, the funds must be at Falcon by Friday, Nov. 28 or Oklahoma City by Wednesday, Dec. 31.

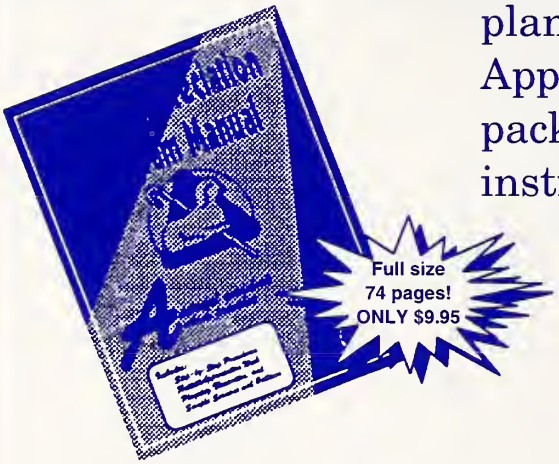
PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE MIRACULOUS 1997 OFFERING. The churches and pastors of the N.C. Conference are to be commended for a job WELL DONE! The Lord is at work in the hearts of the people of the North Carolina Conference.

Order These Materials!

Pastor Appreciation 1997

Program Manual

Here is *the* guide to planning a successful Pastor Appreciation event. It's packed full of detailed instructions and guidelines.



PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
MEN'S MINISTRIES

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

We love our pastors!

CALL OR FAX 910-323-4777

Promotion Packet

Our new Promotion Packet provides you with concise ideas and sample materials. This packet is perfect for getting your Pastor Appreciation program off to a great start.

All new format!
ONLY $6.95

Promotion Packet

Charge it on:
Account Number ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Expiration Date

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE (____) _____

☐ "Pastor Appreciation Promotion Packet" $6.95

☐ "Pastor Appreciation Program Manual" $9.95

Order Amount _____

Add $2.00 for postage and handling $2.00

Total _____

Pastor Appreciation Program
P.O. Box 53307
Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MEN'S MINISTRIES

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - June 1997

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	617	----	630	465
Kinston First	634	----	257	----	321	249
The First	360	----	200	----	----	167
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	192	----	100	50
The Capital	350	----	190	----	170	180
Tarboro First	214	----	174	----	185	132
Mt. Carmel	344	----	169	----	182	130
Stedman	280	----	163	----	251	117
Gospel Tabernacle	535	20	155	12	409	317
Greenville First	240	----	151	----	80	70
Shiloh WD	284	49	140	49	187	87
Clinton	260	----	136	----	177	110
Robersonville	205	----	135	----	187	129
Harkers Island	133	----	128	----	67	75
St. Pauls	176	----	127	----	132	114
Smyrna	----	----	127	----	----	83
Whitley	269	----	126	----	243	269
Lumberton	322	14	124	10	140	96
Bizzell Grove	163	40	117	42	80	30
Chadbourn	220	----	112	----	174	73
Evangel	----	----	111	----	----	94
Wilson First	160	---	109	----	85	85
Harvest Temple	160	65	109	47	111	75
Peniel	260	----	108	----	108	46
Brentwood	135	----	100	----	150	143
Belfast	129	----	95	----	98	50
Culbreth Memorial	206	25	94	12	169	89
Bethany	155	5	92	22	109	45
Millennium	142	36	90	36	90	54
Benson	167	48	87	20	65	31
Graham Memorial	100	----	85	----	80	82
St. Paul	----	----	84	----	----	----
Wallace	227	----	84	----	67	37
Evangelistic Temple	210	----	83	----	140	----
Williamston	146	15	82	9	107	58
Elizabethtown	100	----	81	----	55	34
Hope Mills	150	25	75	22	80	34
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	75	----	145	41
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	75	----	40	31
St. John	127	----	74	----	34	41
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	73	----	86	42
Baywood	124	----	70	----	58	47
Hobgood	100	----	65	----	----	----
Roper	95	----	65	----	91	57
Ayden	47	----	63	----	----	----
Emmanuel	97	----	63	----	60	52
Harvest Fellowship	50	----	62	----	7	7
Stantonsburg	102	----	62	----	----	----
Sharon	99	1	61	1	43	25
Moores Chapel	108	----	59	----	83	50
Boardman	210	----	59	----	201	38
Hollands Chapel	71	----	57	----	30	19
Manleys Grove	132	----	56	----	----	----
Kenly	99	----	55	----	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	54	----	97	26
Brocks Chapel	155	----	54	----	91	43
Westview	112	----	54	----	88	41
Mount Olive (GD)	80	----	53	----	----	----
Reelsboro	95	53	53	38	60	31
Snow Hill	67	----	53	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	75	----	52	----	15	12
Midway	110	----	51	----	84	42
Wilmington	142	----	50	----	142	26
Hamilton	78	----	50	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	50	----	49	41
Calvary LD	53	----	50	----	----	----
Spring Hope	53	----	49	----	46	31
Taylors Chapel	132	----	49	----	----	----
Thompson Chapel	104	----	49	----	59	23
Warsaw	77	----	48	----	39	10
Eastside	201	----	48	----	----	----
Bethel	86	----	48	----	----	----
Bridgeton	86	----	48	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	47	----	14	14
Thomas Chapel	126	----	47	----	68	24
Holly Hill	98	----	47	----	72	25
Winterville	94	----	44	----	----	----
Ahoskie	104	----	44	----	59	30
Ebenezer	58	----	43	----	44	33
Selma	56	----	43	----	----	----
Hodges Chapel	91	----	43	----	----	----
Scotland Neck	53	----	43	----	28	28
Friendship WD	93	----	43	----	58	46
Maranatha	67	----	42	----	50	60
Shiloh FD	91	----	42	----	----	----
Tabernacle	58	----	42	----	33	35
Goshen	78	----	40	----	36	30
Jacksonville	74	----	39	----	30	18
Niagara	153	----	39	----	33	19
Faith WD	64	150	39	135	----	----
Jones Grove	45	----	38	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	38	----	65	25
Living Waters	73	----	37	----	89	23
St. Matthew	73	----	37	----	----	----
Aberdeen	80	----	35	----	75	19
Trinity RMD	90	----	35	----	----	----
Westmoreland	141	----	35	----	88	29
Trinity CD	167	----	35	----	----	----
Oak Ridge	64	----	34	----	28	22
Albritton	74	23	34	24	43	24
Grace Community	46	----	34	----	30	17
Garland	63	----	33	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	33	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	32	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	50	----	32	----	42	31
The Genesis	70	----	32	----	----	----
Black Creek	55	----	32	----	----	----
New Vision	57	----	30	----	25	12
Vanceboro	36	----	29	----	----	----
Sims	49	----	29	----	----	----
Sneads Ferry	----	----	29	----	----	13
Grifton	84	----	29	----	41	16
Lowland	35	----	29	----	----	----
Wades Point	56	----	27	----	----	----
Faith GD	80	----	27	----	60	38
Independence	39	----	27	----	----	----
Bailey	34	----	26	----	19	17
Lyon Memorial	85	----	25	----	----	----
Vaughns Chapel	44	----	25	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	24	----	----	----
New Covenant	45	18	24	15	28	16
Alliance	43	----	24	----	42	----
Heritage	56	----	23	----	46	35
Graceway Fellowship	44	----	23	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	23	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	22	----	----	27
Red Springs	70	----	21	----	----	----
Global Outreach Ministries	25	----	21	----	10	7
Clayton	37	6	21	6	----	----
Cedar Point	45	----	21	----	18	10
Friendship NBD	38	----	25	----	20	11
Merrits Chapel	58	----	20	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	47	----	20	----	----	----
Middlesex	18	----	19	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	46	----	18	----	----	----
Alert	55	----	16	----	----	----
Abundant Life	25	----	15	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	14	----	----	----
Wakelon	13	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	30	----	12	----	19	----
Belhaven	----	----	10	----	----	----
Sonlight	15	----	7	----	----	----
New Life	10	----	6	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	6	8	----	----
Swanquarter	12	----	6	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	6	----	----	0
Total:	17,531	601	9,265	508	8,190	5,340
Average:	125	33	63	28	94	60
Count:	140	----	146	----	87	91

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 1997 EASTER OFFERING PARTICIPANTS

Abbottsburg	$ 76.25
Aberdeen	109.90
Albritton	32.26
Alert	61.60
Alliance	150.00
Bailey	120.27
Baywood	28.84
Belfast	44.92
Belhaven	60.50
Benson	377.99
Bethel	119.42
Bizzell Grove	400.00
Black Creek	90.00
Boardman	28.00
Brentwood	50.00
Brocks Chapel	100.00
Carson Memorial	136.72
Clinton	100.00
Culbreth Memorial	249.46
Eastside	36.60
Emmanuel	75.00
Evangel	4.19
Friendship NBD	15.00
Friendship WD	105.00
Garland	15.00
Glad Tidings	50.00
Graham Memorial	298.81
Grifton	90.00
Hamilton	25.00
Harkers Island	100.00
Harvest Fellowship	100.00
Harvest Temple	576.65
Heritage	182.00
Hobgood	177.37
Hodges Chapel	82.04
Holly Hill	52.58
Independence	94.07
Jacksonville	34.67
Lighthouse	25.00
Living Faith Fellowship	287.46
Lumberton	145.50
Lyon Memorial	227.00
Manleys Grove	99.49
Middlesex	16.00
Midway	166.90
Millenium	100.00
Moores Chapel	65.00
Mt. Carmel	625.16
Mt. Olive LD	95.98
Nakina	163.00
New Covenant	$ 25.00
New Hope	60.00
New Life	50.00
New Vision	25.00
Niagara	208.63
Northwood Temple	800.00
Penderlea	60.00
Peniel	200.00
Pikes Crossroads	119.27
Pine Level	214.26
Plymouth	5.55
Red Springs	11.40
Reelsboro	448.76
Roanoke Rapids	161.00
Robersonville	100.00
Roper	168.80
Sanford First	100.00
Scotland Neck	122.65
Sharon	250.00
Shelmerdine	223.32
Shiloh FD	135.00
Shiloh WD	650.00
Sims	55.00
Sneads Ferry	52.00
Spring Hope	70.00
St. John	65.00
St. Pauls	25.00
Stantonsburg	100.00
Stedman	350.00
Tabernacle	23.75
Tarboro First	196.50
Taylors Chapel	126.22
The Capital	526.52
The First	88.69
The Genesis	11.47
Thomas Chapel	37.70
Thompson Chapel	147.71
Tyndall Grove	122.50
Vaughans Chapel	75.63
Vicks Chapel	120.00
Wades Point	79.37
Wakelon	91.85
Wallace	200.00
Warsaw	150.00
Weldon	25.32
Westview	103.50
Williamston	100.00
Windsor	44.00
Winterville	50.00

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF $18,000

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

C281.1
P42e

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | OCTOBER 1997 | NUMBER 10

Let's Show Them We Care.

Join the Harvest Train!

Tuesday November 25, 1997!

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

International Pentecostal Holiness Church Chooses New Leadership; James D. Leggett Elected General Superintendent

Delegates to the 23rd General Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church elected Rev. James D. Leggett as their new General Superintendent on Thursday afternoon, August 7, in Kansas City, Missouri. The presiding officer, retiring General Superintendent B. E. Underwood, declared an election on the first ballot.

Leggett, a native of North Carolina, has served as Vice Chairman of the denomination for the past four years and as Executive Director of Evangelism for the past eight years. Before being elected to a general position in 1989, he served three years as superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the IPHC. He pastored several PH congregations in the North Carolina Conference including Pembroke, Pinetown, Swanquarter, and Culbreth Memorial.

He graduated from Holmes College of the Bible in Greenville, South Carolina, with a Th.B and from Pembroke University with a B.A. degree.

During the past eight years, the new General Superintendent has represented the IPHC on several boards and commissions including the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals, the Executive Committees of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America, and Mission America. He has also served as a writer of Sunday School literature and a member of the Evangelical Curriculum Commission.

James Leggett and his wife, Faye, live in Oklahoma City. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Outgoing General Superintendent B. E. Underwood has served on the church's General Executive Board for 28 years and as presiding Bishop for the past eight years. He and his wife, Esther, are building a retirement home in Franklin Springs, Georgia. From there he plans to continue his speaking ministry.

Underwood's influence has reached beyond his denomination to impact many Pentecostal groups. He is chairman of the Pentecostal Renewal Services, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals, and has served as chairman of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America (PFNA). He was instrumental in disbanding the PFNA to make way for the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America, a multi-racial organization. He now serves on the Executive Committee of the PCCNA.

In subsequent voting last week, delegates completed the 10-man General Executive Board (GEB). Rev. M. Donald Duncan was selected as Executive Director of World Missions and Vice Chairman. Duncan served for the past four years as Secretary/Treasurer of the organization.

Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Superintendent of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the IPHC, was chosen to serve as Executive Director of Evangelism, and Rev. Paul Howell was re-elected to another four-year term as Executive Director of Church Education Ministries. Howell had completed one term in that office.

Rev. Jack Goodson was elected as General Secretary-Treasurer. Goodson served in that role from 1985 until 1993, but was disqualified for re-election because of the church's eight-year statute of limitations.

Non-resident members of the new GEB include the following zone representatives: Tommy McGhee, Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference (Northeastern); Dr. Douglas Beacham, Superintendent of the Georgia Conference (Southeastern); James McDowell, Superintendent of the Heartland Conference (Southwestern); and James

Continued on page 9

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Mrs. Fannie Mae Morris Jones

Fannie Mae Morris Jones

Tuesday, August 19, 1997
South Henderson Pentecostal Holiness Church
2:00 p.m.
Interment
Thomas Chapel P.H. Church Cemetery

Rev. Mrs. Fannie Mae Morris Jones, born December 9, 1915, was parented by Rev. Edward David and Nora Meeks Morris of Pitt County.

Sister Fannie Mae married the Reverend John Paul Jones on January 15, 1943. The couple suffered the loss of three children by miscarriage. The Lord blessed this union with two sons: Dwight of Garland, and Gregory of Henderson. Dwight follows his parents in the preaching and pastoring ministry. Greg is actively serving the South Henderson church. She is survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren, a brother, Rev. W. Harvey Morris of Falcon, and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Summers of Rocky Mount. She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

She also leaves behind a host of friends including many extended family members. She joins an even larger host of her spiritual family in Heaven; many of whom she led to Christ and many others whose lives and testimonies she influenced in a positive way.

Mrs. Jones' conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ occurred in the early 1930s at Rocky Mount, NC. She attended Holmes College of the Bible in Greenville, SC, in preparation for Christian service as an evangelist and later as a co-pastor with her husband.

Prior to being licensed by the NC Conference in 1940, Miss Fannie Mae served as an evangelist. Her preaching appointments carried her into six conferences of this denominational fellowship she loved so much. Her revival work spanned about 15 years. Her total years of active service in the preaching ministry totaled nearly 53. She retired from active service on June 18, 1978, at the Quadrennial Session of the North Carolina Conference.

Although her assignments from Conference were officially over, she continued her active service for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. Jones served alongside her dear husband at the following churches: Red Springs, Millennium, Morehead City, Moore's Chapel, Wallace, Williamston, Sanford, Thomas Chapel.

Mrs. Fannie Mae Morris Jones was known for her courageous spirit, contagious enthusiasm, and tenacious work ethic. She won more souls to Christ than most. She raised funds not only by solicitation from donors, but also through hard physical labor.

Today: She is alive and alert!

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25, 26.

She suffers no more!

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" Revelation 21:4.

She is at rest!

Continued on page 13

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2	Rev. Clifton Turpin	October 27
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3	Rev. Ethel Bailey	October 29
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14	Rev. Louise Smith	October 31
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15	Rev. Frank Moore	October 31

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Have you ever heard the saying, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks"? Well, that may be true, but I think I have learned some new tricks from our dog. Let me tell you about Junior!

Last year, for my husband's birthday, our nephew and his wife gave him this cute little puppy. Their dog was the father of this little fellow (thus the name Junior), and they wanted Uncle Joe to have their baby. The puppy was born early May, so they kept him and spoiled him really well before Joe's July birthday. When they brought him to us, he was very small. He is a mix of some sort of terrier – we believe a Jack Russell terrier (is that the right breed?).

Now, as I said, Junior was quite small; but there has never been anything small about his presence. From the very beginning, he was wide open. We truly believe that he needs to be on ritalin. Could he ever be still? No!!! To begin with, he did all the puppy things – like chewing the porch posts to the extent we had to have them replaced. Unending is the only word I know to describe his energy.

As he grew, we noticed his ability to jump. We later learned that his mother is a "Frisbee-playing dog." I believe Junior could probably play outfield for the local baseball team. He runs and jumps and rolls around and plays all the time. Our collie, Maggie, must be a saint to put up with him, for he is always teasing and pestering her.

I like Junior's hugs much better than his kisses!

I will have to admit, though, that some of Junior's energy has been very productive for us. For years we have been plagued by moles in our yard. Not now – not with Junior! He catches them and brings them to the back door like trophies. I've also learned to appreciate his warm personality. No matter what time of day or night I arrive home, he is right there to greet me before I can get the car door open. He makes me feel so welcome. He can now jump almost shoulder high and usually does an exhibition for us as a greeting gesture.

No person can come to our house without an encounter with Junior. One day recently, I heard the doorbell ring. By the time I got to the door, Junior had the young book salesman down on the floor playing with him. Janice Marshburn came to our house recently, and Junior won her heart right away. Junior has conversation with the UPS man. He has a relationship with the meter reader. At a recent birthday party for my sister at our house, he visited with every guest. When people leave our house, they remember Junior.

I was thinking today about Junior's personality. Wouldn't it be nice if we could learn to reach out to others in such an uninhibited manner? Wouldn't it be great if we could learn to treat every person we encounter as the most important person in the world? How our churches and Women's Ministries would grow if we showed the same degree of interest in the people who visit us! We need to reach out to others in an energetic and excited manner. We need to enjoy time spent in fellowship with one another. As Christians, we need to make such a joyful impression on others that they cannot forget our encounter.

You can say that we're going to the dogs if you wish, but I believe this is a lesson we can all learn from Junior!

REPORT FROM GENERAL CONVENTION...

The General Women's Ministries Convention held on August 5 & 6 was filled with excitement from beginning to end. The theme was NEW BEGINNINGS.

Continued on page 14

P.O. Box 1467, Dublin, Va.24084

WM Members of North Carolina Conference
c/o Mrs. Linda Thomas
P.O. Box 337
Vanceboro NC 28586

Dear Ladies,

Greetings of joy and peace to each one of you.

It would be impossible to leave the sponsorship of the North Carolina Conference WM Convention and not express our heartfelt thanks to you.

We were fortunate to have Fayetteville District sponsor us once and they were so wonderful to us as a family.

This past quadrennium the Lumberton District ladies had the Talmages assigned to them.

Letters of introduction came from many of the groups...one with a church directory and a cookbook. We could look up the various ones who had contributed recipes and felt we got to know them a bit.

Others have sent cards and cheques from time to time for our birthdays or anniversary. MANY CARE PACKAGES have been sent, filled with all the special things that we enjoy and could not purchase in Africa.

Letters of encouragement and promise of prayers have come WHEN WE HAVE NEEDED THEM MOST.

LADIES, WE SALUTE YOU AND THE LEADERS OF YOUR CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES.

You have excelled in your work and we are extremely grateful to each of you. May God's richest blessings be yours always!

Geraleen and John Talmage

Geraleen & John Talmage

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

LAY WITNESS WEEK

October 19-26 has been designated as Lay Witness Week within the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Many churches are planning special activities. Special days break down as follows: Sunday – Lay Appreciation, Monday – Prayer Meeting, Tuesday – Home Fellowships, Wednesday – Visitation Instructions, Thursday – Church Visitation, Friday – Institutional Visitation, Sunday – Celebration.

REGIONAL REVITALIZATION MEETINGS

November 3 – New Bern First
November 4 – Shiloh Church, Wilson
November 6 – Clinton First

Each Meeting – 7 p.m.
Two CEU Credits Each Meeting

Speakers: Doyle Marley – Pastor of Asheville P.H. Church. The church is in new facilities and has broken the 200 barrier.

Bill Jones – Pastor of Elberton, Georgia Church. The church has several specialized ministries including Safehouse Ministries (short-term shelters for victims of domestic violence, financial collapse, and natural disasters).

FALL MISSIONS F.E.S.T.s

Saturday, October 18 – Conference Training Center
Mini-F.E.S.T.s
Mon., Oct. 20 – 6:30 p.m. – Robersonville
Tues., Oct. 21 – 6:30 p.m. – New Bern

Invited Participants – Pastors, Local Missions Directors, Local Task Force Members, etc.

Pre-Registration is Required

REVITALIZATION FORUM III

For Pastors & Key Church Leaders

Thursday, October 9 – 7 p.m. – Falcon
Monday, October 24 – 7 p.m.
Tropic Leadership Emergence

Clinic line pouring off the property

NICARAGUA

by Cecille Booth

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Clowers, Pentecostal Holiness missionaries and coordinators, had been telling us at Northwood Temple for two years that we needed to get involved with Nicaragua. Last July (1996), an evangelistic team and a small medical team, consisting of 27 people from NWT, went to Managua, Nicaragua, where we ministered to the needs of the people. Before we left the country, we knew that we *had* to return. God was confirming it in many ways. The "bug" had definitely bitten! Nicaragua was very hot, very dusty, very taxing on the body, and very, very poor. Where we were working would not make good information for a travel brochure, but there was something (or "Someone") that was drawing us to this place!

As soon as we returned to the States, we set the dates for the next trip, June 18-27, 1997. In January 1997, Pastor John Hedgepeth, accompanied by Darwin Hairr, Perry Faircloth, Mike Geiger, John Campbell, and Dewey Cosgrove, went to Managua to study the possibilities of purchasing land for a clinic/school training center and also to obtain permission from a local hospital to allow our doctors to come to their facilities to do surgery.

While the pastor and his team of men were in Nicaragua, a call was received from a local church to come to see the "trash" that they had received. When we arrived, we were taken to a truck trailer and shown 59

Continued on page 7

new stethoscopes (never opened), eight blood sugar machines, new walker, new bedside commode, lab equipment, cases and cases of expendables, plus many other items that had been in inventory at a pharmaceutical company for several months. Therefore, it was marked "trash!"

"Battle for the Soul" drama

We made a plea for a warehouse. Five days later the first warehouse was provided! Within three weeks, out of necessity, we were asking for the second warehouse. It was also provided! Used equipment, medical expendables (sponges, sutures, catheters, etc.), school supplies, humanitarian goods of all types began flooding in! We even received two field hospitals!

What do you do with a field hospital? When Pastor Hedgepeth and Dr. William Hall went to Managua in April, they visited the Minister of Health there. Dr. Hall asked him how we could help them. He said that they needed a field hospital in the delta on the Caribbean side, north of Bluefields where there was no electricity or medical facility! It is interesting that our God is always on time! We had received the field hospitals about three weeks before! On June 7, we shipped 30,760 pounds (over 15 tons!) of medical supplies to Nicaragua!

In June, a group of 43, which included an evangelistic team, a medical team, and a construction team, left for Managua. Our mission was single-minded. We wanted to win souls! It is difficult to win a brother when he doesn't think that we care if he is sick or without hope.

The evangelistic team, led by Phillip Rothrock, used puppets, clowns, music, and the drama, "The Battle for the Soul." They saw approximately 450-500 people come forward to give their hearts to Christ! It was such a blessing to even be able to go into the public schools and present the Gospel!

The construction, lead by Tony Petty, built four temporary classrooms for the school and Sunday school. They successfully met the challenge, even in the extreme heat!

The medical team, led by Kim Nobles and Tom Guy, not only touched bodies, but also prayed for many to receive salvation. Many miracles happened! Before we left the States, many pharmaceutical companies had donated medicines for the trip to total approximately $110,000. However, we did not have many antibiotics. By the second day of clinic (we had scheduled six days) at lunchtime we were running out of antibiotics. When the team broke for lunch, a man approached us in the restaurant and asked what we were doing. Everyone was wearing scrubs so it was obvious that we weren't traditional tourists. Dr. Bob Leeds, dentist, told him about the clinic. The man said, "I am from Bristol Myers Pharmaceutical Company. I have antibiotics that are expiring at the end of the month. Can you use them?" Could we ever!!! We had enough medicines to finish the clinic, plus a van load to stay at the church clinic, and two van loads to go to the local hospitals! I am so glad that God is able "to do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or even think!"

Dr. Bob Leeds, dentist, assisted by Daniel Pitti, translator, and Jerry Self.

Our dental clinic, headed by Dr. Bob Leeds, ministered to the people by flashlight. We were able to borrow equipment from all over the country to be able to set up a dental clinic.

Continued on page 14

Phillip A. Mooring
Director
Men's Ministries

MEN'S MINISTRIES

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

What a blessing it was to attend General Conference in Kansas City and to see so many of you there. It is almost breath-taking to see how God is using the Pentecostal Holiness Church to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world, and especially how men are being trained and mobilized for the cause of Christ.

After three really wonderful years of serving as your Conference Director, I am stepping down, and so this is my last column. I have sought the Lord's will in this decision and have assurance that He is releasing me into other areas of ministry. I will continue to be involved in Men's Ministries. Men of God have no other option.

The past three years have been a tremendous blessing to me. I will always be grateful to Brother Long for allowing me the opportunity to minister in this capacity. I have learned so much, made so many new friends, and my relationship with the Lord has grown exponentially. Thank you, Brother Long. While there is so much more that I could have done and should have done, I am proud of what the Men's Ministries Department has accomplished over the past three years. Thanks to each of you, the department is stronger now than it was three years ago.

First and foremost, we have supported our pastors with our prayers, our time, and our spiritual gifts. We have added more than 25 new chapters. As men of action, we have responded to natural disasters and conducted many local Men of Action projects. We have supported Royal Rangers, trained hundreds in Friendship Evangelism, and have developed a good working relationship with Promise Keepers. I am especially thankful for the invitations you extended to me to speak at your church in conjunction with Layman's Sunday, Father-Son Banquets, Resurrection Breakfasts, and even a Sweetheart Banquet.

My thanks to the Conference Men's Ministries Board, Gordon Knox, M. D. Brinson, Charles Byrd, and Bill Roberson for their prayers and support. And my thanks to Brothers Chris Thompson and Bobby Forehand.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our International Men's Ministries Director, Colonel Jack Kelley, for not only the encouragement and support he has given me, but also for the distinguished service and the unparalleled lay leadership he has given the Pentecostal Holiness Church. And, of course, a thank you must go to Kathy Suggs, Colonel Kelley's Administrative Assistant, and Delores Reynolds, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Long.

And now in closing, I once again ask for your help.

(1) Please pray earnestly for Brother Long as he moves to appoint my replacement.

(2) If you have not already done so, please send your chapter's annual dues ($50) to the Men's Ministries Office, P.O. Box 53307, Fayetteville, NC 28305-3307.

(3) Please send your annual report for 1996-97 to me as soon as possible at 2908 Steeplechase Road, Wilson, NC 27896.

(4) Register now for the Eastern Regional Men's Conference to be held in Falcon September 19-20, 1997.

Never hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance to your church. The Lord bless each of you for your faithfulness, and to God be all glory!

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love" I Corinthians 16:13-14 (NASB).

In His Service,
Phillip A. Mooring, Director
Men's Ministries Department
NC Conference

Overwhelmed by the Goodness of God

The Hobgood Pentecostal Church has recently completed its most successful Vacation Bible School led by the Christian Education Director, Steve House. Attendance for the week-long event averaged 104. What's so special about this week of Bible study is that now some of these Bibleschoolers attend our regular Sunday School and church services.

The theme "Promise Builders" provided the perfect opportunity for the primary class to build a wall of God's promises for the commencement program. They did this by adding blocks, a section at a time, with each child participating. Other students sang and talked about God's wonderful promises to His children when they serve Him.

Little hands were busy at craft time with hammers, nails, sandpaper, and paint, building squirrel feeders, recipe holders in the shape of a duck, and lots of other neat country crafts. The silhouettes made of the nursery and kindergarten classes for parents to frame were also a real blessing.

The fund-raiser to support the Vacation Bible School was a dunking booth. Competing teams were selected with our pastor being on one of the teams. The team that raised the least amount of money had to be in the dunking booth at the Saturday afternoon cookout. The people supported our pastor, Rev. Dempsey Winstead, and he missed being dunked.

The Sunday night commencement brought out lots of parents to learn about the "Promises of God" their children had studied during the week. One hundred fifty-four people came to participate in the Sunday night commencement. The children wore shirts painted with the "Promise Builders" theme.

We are already planning for next year. Excitement started with each teacher and spread like wild fire to light up as many as 112 lives in one night. We give praises to God for His many blessings upon our church at Hobgood.

Continued from page 2

Pennington, Superintendent of the Golden West Conference (Western). The Conference also elected John Hedgepeth, pastor of Northwood Temple PHC in Fayetteville, NC, as the pastor representative on the board.

The IPHC, headquartered in Bethany, Oklahoma, has 1,700 churches in the United States and a worldwide constituency of more than 2.2 million.

CONFERENCE NOTES

Bishop Gilbert Patterson Speaks Prophetically to the Conference

On a Friday night, after an outpouring of worship and praise seldom seen in a General Conference, Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson of the Church of God in Christ electrified the crowd with a message on the anointing as seen in the life of David as king of Israel. He called for a new and fresh anointing on the IPHC as it enters its second century of ministry.

The major point of the Bishop's message centered on David's third anointing which struck terror in the hearts of the Philistines. His word for the church was that, in contrast to David's first anointing as a lad, he now was older, wiser, stronger, and more determined than ever before.

"In this sense, the IPHC, after a century of ministry should also be wiser, stronger, and more determined as it faces a new century and millennium," he said. There was an unusual reception of the message and a tremendous response to the altar call.

The celebration throughout the service was called by many an old-fashioned "breakthrough." An incredible sight was that hundreds of young people danced before the Lord in ecstasy. Indeed, the music and praise was in the contemporary style that is especially attractive to young people.

After the first century, most churches go into a season of decline. If anything, the IPHC seems to be more alive than ever with young people leading the way.

– Dr. Vinson Synan

Patterson Urges Church to Seek Fresh Anointing

Following a spontaneous move of rejoicing and praise to the Lord, Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson, Prelate of Tennessee Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ (Memphis), proclaimed a timely word to the delegation of the 23rd General Conference of the IPHC.

His sermon, entitled, "The Word is Out," admonished the conference that when it becomes known that we have received a fresh anointing, we can expect the enemy to react. "He purposes to forestall any unity in the Body – for in unity there is a release of the power needed to change our world.

"As Pentecostals, we must lead the way in breaking down the barriers that divide us; we must seek that fresh anointing." He warned us never to think that a one-time touch of the hand of God is sufficient. "There is always another level," he proclaimed, "a greater sense of God's power.

"So when we see strong challenges coming against the church, we must go like David did into the 'hold' – our hiding place in Jesus Christ – and ask God for a greater anointing."

The Bishop reminded us that Jesus was anointed, not with the symbolic oil of the Old Testament, but with the Holy Ghost and with power. And because of that anointing, the Word tells us He went about healing *all*.

The 21st century church can be encouraged by the fact that in Jesus' early ministry, He called the Twelve, *and* He gave them power to cast out demons and to heal the sick. Then He sent out 70, giving them the same power. But finally, He sent out the word that these signs shall follow *them* (not him) that believe.

"After 100 years of ministry," Bishop Patterson proclaimed, "we are wiser, we are bolder, we are stronger, and we are more determined. We can get the job done.

"If you want that fresh, new anointing," he offered, "just give God a new praise." And with that invitation, hundreds rushed to the front of the auditorium with their hands raised in praise and worship to the King.

– Thelma McDowell

Teens Respond to Ministry of High Praise

About 100 young people were filled with the Holy Spirit Wednesday evening during a rally in Hall D led by Danny and Jill Chambers. According to Larry Harper, national youth director, the Chambers' anointed ministry was one of the highlights of Youth Quest '97.

Young people packed the room Sunday morning for the opening YQ session. the power of God permeated the place as Chambers spoke to the teens about freedom.

The room had been arranged for fewer than the number of spiritually hungry teens who responded to the session. "This is a great way to start a conference," said Don Niemyer, Director of Mission Quest.

Danny and his wife Jill are founders of High Praise Ministries based in Oklahoma City.

A record number of teens participated in National Talent, Bible Quiz, and Royal Ranger of the Year finals.

Women's Ministries Convention Elects New WM Board; Honors Outgoing Leaders

Bishop B. E. Underwood installed the new Women's Ministries Board at a banquet Wednesday evening in the Convention Center. Mary Belle Johnson was elected Tuesday as the new executive director of Women's Ministries. Mrs. Johnson served for eight years as WM director in the North Carolina Conference.

Continued on page 10

Continued from page 9

The women also elected Jewel Stewart, a licensed minister in the Alabama Conference, as assistant director, and Peggy Eby, an ordained minister in the East Oklahoma Conference, as secretary/ treasurer.

Completing the new board is Linda Thomas (North Carolina), Lydia Trevino (Texas Latin), and Michelle Bachelor (Golden West).

The outgoing Women's Ministries Board honored Bishop and Mrs. Underwood at the banquet by presenting them with a quilt that had been signed by the members of the General Board of Administration, his staff, and family members.

The outgoing board also honored Doris Moore by giving her a similar quilt bearing the Women's Ministries logo. Mrs. Moore served as WM director for the past eight years.

Both of these quilts were hand-crafted by Dorothy Gilbert, WM director in the Heartland Conference.

Underwood Revisits The Crux of the Great Commission

Consistent with the theme of the 23rd General Conference, Bishop B. E. Underwood reached into his celebrated past to show us how to seize the future. Memphis in 1969, the site of the Memphis Miracle of Racial Reconciliation in 1994, was where Underwood challenged the church with his sermon, "The Crux of the Great Commission." Four words were the hinges upon which a prophetic word for the church and his own ministry were given: *communication, conflict, change, and crux.*

Sounding as if he had prepared it fresh for the first time, Underwood drove home the relevancy of the IPHC mission for the present and future. *Communication* is characterized by clarity and urgency. *Conflict* is a reminder that "we're operating on enemy territory, and the battlefield is the hearts and minds" of people. Sparing no irrelevant manmade tradition, Underwood reminded us of the challenge of *change*, "the task must be completed even if it means a slaughter of a whole herd of sacred cows!"

Finally, the *crux* remains the same for every Christian generation, "the real emphasis of the Great Commission is to make disciples." Underwood showed that significant steps had been taken to meet the challenge of these four areas through the advancing ministries of the church, especially in light of Target 2000.

Yet, Bishop Underwood did not stop with a review of the past. He told how the Lord, this past January in Nigeria, awakened him at 3 a.m. with insight on the four divine resources we needed to continue to move forward to fulfill the will of God. Returning to his text of 1969, Matthew 28:18, Underwood gave us these four resources.

1. *We have the AUTHORITY.* "Divine authority means divine freedom to do what needs to be done. We've got the right, the authority, to evangelize the world."

2. *We have the ANOINTING.* "The anointing is power, ability. The anointing is ours according to Scripture. The anointing enables us to preach deliverance, to set the captives free." He reminded us that anointing is not about feelings, but about trusting the Word of God.

3. *We have the ATTITUDE.* "You can never seize the future until you seize the attitude of Jesus." Jesus' attitude was that He was a friend of sinners; He was a foe of the Pharisees; and He was the Father's beloved Son.

4. *We have the ACTIVITY.* There continues to be much work for us to do. But our work is based on the model of Jesus with His Father. "I do what I see my Father doing and I say what I hear my Father saying." Underwood reminded us "we've got to know what God is doing and saying and not just what God did and said."

Focusing on what God is doing through celebration and worship around the world, Underwood brought the service to a climactic close with the vision he had while participating in the 50th anniversary of IPHC ministries in Costa Rica. He said he saw millions of Chinese women with bound feet. They symbolized people "bound and crippled spiritually, not knowing how to worship God." Wondering what could be done to help them, Underwood heard the Holy Spirit say, "God can perform the miracle of giving them normal feet if He can get the bandages off."

The challenge for us in "getting the bandages off" of crippled spirits, minds, and lives, is to avail ourselves of the resources of authority, anointing, attitude, and activity as the church moves forward.

The service concluded with a video review of the Underwoods' life, including footage of his mother, sister, and brother. Among the gifts presented to them was a 1997 Lincoln Towncar.

– Dr. Doug Beacham

Church Rallies to "Reach the World" With the Gospel

The opening march of missionaries and national leaders carrying flags of the world set the tone for the Global Outreach (GO) Rally Saturday night. Directors of World Missions Ministries and Evangelism USA challenged every person present to become involved in proclaiming the message of Christ to this generation.

Representatives of the two ministries reported on how the mission is being implemented in the United States and around the world. The GO Offering of over $1,141,000, presented by conference missions directors, topped the goal by more than $41,000, giving witness to the commitment of God's people to global evangelism.

Reinhard Bonnke, founder of Christ for All Nations and guest

Continued on page 11

Continued from page 10

speaker for the evening, continued the theme. "Why would a man with a German accent come to America to preach Christ?" Bonnke asked.

He went on to cite two reasons, beginning with a personal testimony: When his grandfather was lost, sick and dying, a man from America took the gospel to the forests of East Germany. When the American prayed, Bonnke's grandfather was saved, healed, and delivered.

"Second," the evangelist declared, "I am here because I have heard from God, and America is Point One on His agenda. I am here by divine mandate, because 'Jesus Loves America!' "

Reinhard Bonnke Ministries has already placed a copy of his book, *The Epic of Christ's Cross*, in 18 million households throughout the world and will cover the U.S. and Canada in April 1998. The IPHC is a partner in this effort.

Bonnke emphasized the need for action in order to evangelize the world. "Go, but not on your own, Jesus is with you!" he challenged the church. "This is not a promise but a statement of fact...Go, but you are to receive power. No one is sent without the anointing of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This anointing does not fluctuate with our emotions; it is constant."

Bonnke's "parable of the light bulb" emphasized the need to stay plugged in to God's power. A bulb cannot give light unless it is connected to the power source, but neither can the power give light without the bulb. "Get connected, plugged in, and let the current flow," he concluded.

– Charlene West

Bishop Leggett Given Title "The Old Man Number Two of Men's Ministries"

"You're 'The Old Man' Number Two." With these words, Bishop B. E. Underwood passed the mantle of leadership over the men of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to Bishop James Leggett, the newly-elected General Superintendent.

"The Old Man" is a military expression of esteem used for the highest ranking officer.

The symbolic transition of leadership was made during the Pastor/Lay Breakfast held Friday morning, August 8. The event was hosted by Men's Ministries.

Following an opening ceremony that included a Royal Rangers color guard, the Men's Ministries Board and General Director Jack Kelley honored Bishop Underwood, Mrs. Florence Wellons, widow of the late William S. Wellons, Sr., founder of the men's organization of the IPHC, and Mrs. Doris Moore, outgoing director of Women's Ministries.

After he addressed the gathering, Bishop Underwood called Bishop Leggett to the platform and invited the Men's Ministries Board to surround their new Old Man. They lifted his hands in the spirit of Aaron and Hur, as Underwood led them in prayer.

"You're The Old Man Number Two," Underwood said in conclusion, "but I will always be The Old Man Number One," indicating that he was the first to be dubbed with that title.

GBA Designates 1998 for Centennial Celebration

During its 1997 meeting, held Monday, August 4, in Kansas City, the General Board of Administration (GBA) officially declared 1998 as the Centennial Year for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. A Centennial Committee has been appointed to plan events highlighting the formation of the denomination.

Chairman of that committee is Dr. Harold D. Hunter, director of Archives and Research for the church. Dr. Hunter, Dr. Vinson Synan, and Bishop B. E. Underwood have agreed to contribute to a column in *IssacharFile* entitled, "Centennial Moments." The column will appear each month in 1998.

The first congregation to bear the name *Pentecostal Holiness* was organized in Goldsboro, North Carolina, in 1898. That church, known today as The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, is still in existence and will serve as one of the venues for the centennial celebration.

Other possible sites include Anderson, South Carolina; Royston, Georgia; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where the denomination's Resource Development Center is located.

Conference Backs Religious Freedom Amendment

The 23rd General Conference went on record Friday supporting the Religious Freedom Amendment (RFA), a proposed constitutional amendment to protect religious freedom in America.

Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK), one of the principle authors of the amendment, presented the provisions of the RFA during the Friday afternoon session. "Since 1962 (when prayer was banned from the public schools), we have had all kinds of unusual decisions passed by the Supreme Court," he said. "If we do nothing about this, we ultimately will drown in the flood waters of all that is going on around us (to restrict religious liberty), and I'm not willing to do nothing."

The RFA would reverse trends of suppressing religious expression, including student-initiated prayers in public schools. The language of the provision is as follows:

To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience: The people's right to pray and recognize their religious beliefs, heritage or traditions on public property, including schools, shall not be infringed.

The government shall not require any person to join in prayer or other religious activity, initiate or designate school prayers, discriminate against religion, or deny equal access to a benefit on account of religion.

"Your Congressman needs to hear from you," Istook told delegates.

Continued on page 12

Continued from page 11

"Urge them to co-sponsor the RFA. Write favorable letters to newspapers and speak to groups and radio talk shows."

According to the Congressman, public opinion polls throughout the last 30 years show three-fourths of the American public overwhelmingly support a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in public schools, and otherwise protect religious liberties. The RFA is supported by numerous conservative and religious organizations, over 130 House co-sponsors, and the House leadership.

IPHC Joins Disney Boycott; Endorses RFA

The 23rd General Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) joined the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Monday in its boycott of the Disney Corporation. Delegates adopted a resolution August 11 in Kansas City, Missouri, supporting the SBC and other religious organizations "in denouncing the activities of the Disney Corporation in promoting, sponsoring and endorsing the homosexual agenda."

The resolution went on to call for a complete boycott of Disney, including its theme parks, labeled products, movies and TV programming: "In view of the fact that the Disney Corporation is actively and aggressively pursuing policies that are detrimental to traditional family values and our Judeo-Christian ethic, we go on record in support of the ongoing boycott of Disney..."

Earlier in the convention, IPHC delegates also took a position in support of the Religious Freedom Amendment (RFA). In a speech on Friday afternoon, Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) presented the terms of the Amendment, which would allow "student-sponsored prayer in public schools and explicitly prohibits government from composing prayers on their behalf and from compelling anyone to join in prayer."

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church, based in Bethany, Oklahoma, will celebrate its centennial anniversary next year. The denomination began as a holiness group in Goldsboro, North Carolina, in 1898. Today it has 1,700 churches in the United States and more than 2.2 million constituents worldwide.

Conference Adopts New Language Regarding Sanctification

Following considerable debate Friday, the 23rd General Conference adopted new language intended to clarify the church's position on the doctrine of sanctification. The new wording, which affects only #10 of our Articles of Faith, emphasizes not only the crisis experience, but also the growth process involved in this work of grace.

Article 10 now reads:

We believe in sanctification. While sanctification is initiated in regeneration and consummated in glorification, we believe that it includes a definite, instantaneous work of grace received by faith subsequent to regeneration (Acts 26:18; I John 1:9). Sanctification delivers from the power and dominion of sin. It is followed by life-long growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Peter 3:18).

This is perhaps the first change in the wording of this Article of Faith in the church's nearly 100-year history.

Day of Training Hits Home Run With Delegates

Other than being interrupted for seven minutes by a fire alarm (which proved to be a false signal), workshops during the Day of Training received high marks by an overwhelming majority of participants Saturday. The seven seminars, which were well-attended by delegates and visitors to the 23rd General Conference, dealt with specialized ministries in the church.

Sessions focusing on the needs of pastors/ministers often register the highest number of participants. The class entitled, "Permission Giving Leadership/Laity on the Loose," presented by Dr. Mark Rutland, was no exception. Rutland is president of Global Servants, a missions and evangelism organization.

Reports coming out of the workshop on Praise and Worship led by Steve Bowersox incorporated words like *awesome*, *powerful,* and *anointed* to describe the impact that seminar had on those in attendance. Bowersox, founder and president of Bowersox Institute of Music and founding executive director of Integrity Music's Worship International, introduced participants to innovative ways of using technology in leading their congregations in praise and worship.

Missionaries and mission directors had opportunity to see the "Changing Face of Missions" through the eyes of Dr. Paul McKaughan, executive director of Evangelical Fellows of Mission Agencies (EFMA).

McKaughan presented new and changing methods for reaching the lost in the 21st century.

In another workshop, pastors/church planters Noah Barefoot, Jr., Ron Carpenter, Jr., Dr. Clifton Buckham, Sr., and Ada Villarreal introduced "Models of Multi-Cultural Ministry." This forum was moderated by Charlene West, director of IPHC Intercultural Ministries.

Next door, Col. Jack Kelley and Dr. Jonathan Burch teamed up to focus on "The Role of Laity in Ministry." Kelley serves as general director of Men's Ministries of the IPHC, and Dr. Burch is general counsel for the IPHC.

Other sessions held Saturday morning included, "Youth Ministry in a Quantum Age," conducted by Larry Harper, national youth director and administrative assistant in Church Education Ministries of the IPHC, and "Onward Cyber-Soldiers" with Joe Iaquinta, director of New Evangelism Technologies for the IPHC.

The false alarm, triggered by a dramatic change in the water pressure in the building, caused only a brief interruption. The classes reconvened and concluded on time.

Rev. Fannie Mae Morris Jones, continued from page 3

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" Revelation 14:13.

Will you follow her example? The words of John Hall express the lifestyle of Fannie Mae:

At Day's End
Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast;
That you helped a single brother of the many you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?

The service honoring Mrs. Jones was conducted by her conference superintendent, T. Elwood Long, and her pastor, Frank Sossamon.

Independent, Energetic, Determined, Committed, Protective, and Caring are but a few words that can be used to open up some windows into the life of Rev. Fannie Mae Morris Jones.

Sister Fannie Mae was her own woman. She was not owned by anyone. Not for sale. She would tell you what she thought, and she would tell you some things that she hadn't thought of that were often on her mind.

Sister Jones talked often of her funeral and said, "Pastor Frank, what are you going to say about me when I die?" I would say, "Let me think about that for a minute." Then I would say, "I'm going to tell everybody that Fannie Mae Jones was a stinker. Why don't you write down some good things you want me to say about you at your funeral?" Her reply would be, "Oh, go on and get out of here." Sister Jones would talk with her son Greg about her death and funeral. Greg would say, "Now, Mama, give me a week's notice before your death so I can find some mourners."

Of course Greg was only joking, but these conversations speak volumes about the love, fondness, and relationship that Rev. Fannie Mae Jones had with her family, friends, and community.

Sister Jones would ask, "Frank, are you on speaking terms with the Lord?" and I would say, "Yes." She would say, "Well, if you're not, I don't want you praying for me, but if you are, I would appreciate your prayers."

As Sister Jones got older, she would go to sleep during the worship service at times. After the services concluded, she would say, "Well, I know you noticed that I went to sleep this morning in the service," and I would say, "Yes, I noticed that." Then she would respond, "I only did that because I trust you. I know you'll preach the truth so I went to sleep."

Something else comes to mind about Sister Jones and that is Dogs, Cats, and Junk. Every stray dog or cat that passed by her house had a home. When she claimed it all of a sudden, it had a pedigree. The animal, though just a sooner, was a prize possession. She also enjoyed gathering junk. We called, at one time, her house "Fred Sanford's Place."

She was a determined and energetic woman who went non-stop for the Lord and ministry. I never got to hear her preach in her prime, but I heard all the stories about those great revivals that went on for weeks and weeks. I heard about the large numbers of spiritual experiences and how the church would be packed with hungry worshipers. How she would lock herself up in her room and pray and study until church time.

Two passages of Scripture come to mind when thinking about Sister Jones. One is the story of the unjust judge that didn't have regard for God or man. Upon giving the widow a bad verdict, she immediately began to come before him time and time again pleading her case until he changed his verdict. Well, Sister Jones was that kind of lady. She wouldn't take no for an answer.

Time took its toll on her as her voice got weaker, as her body began to break down. All due to her going around the clock non-stop to do ministry. Yes, Rev. Fannie Mae Morris Jones gave relentlessly all she had.

She gave all that she had to:

(1) Her Family	Her beloved husband, Rev. J. Paul Jones, and sons, Rev. Dwight Jones and Greg Jones.
(2) Her Church	Through pastoral ministry, evangelism, soul-winning, fund-raising, and preaching the gospel.
(3) Her God	Through prayer, worship, study, and witness. She gave her all, kept the faith, and now she's in His presence forever. God help us to cherish her memory and thank God for her ministry.

Pastor Rank Sossamon
South Henderson Pentecostal Holiness Church

Nicaragua, continued from page 7

Ruth Dalton, pharmacist, oversaw the pharmacy which ran at least 12 hours each day. Several people brought us prescriptions. They were able to get enough money to pay a doctor (approximately $4.00) but then were unable to afford the medicine.

Diane Austin, counselor, saw 69 patients. There are many family problems in Nicaragua. Many are seeking for answers. Diane and Greta Hopper, translator, were able to lead six of those patients to the Lord. The medical team and counselor were able to minister to the people through our eight translators and Brenda Clowers.

While a medical team was working at the church seeing a flood of patients, who stood in the heat from 4:00 a.m. until 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. to be seen, another team was working with Dr. Mike Geiger, ophthalmologist. Dr. Geiger performed 44 eye surgeries! Crossed eyes were straightened, cataracts were removed, many who thought they would never see again were given the precious gift of sight! One mother, with tearful voice, told the team that her little seven-year-old boy had always been teased unmercifully because his eyes were crossed. She had never thought that it would be possible for his eyes to be "normal." Then the American doctor came...

We are very excited about what God is doing! We can hardly wait to go back to Nicaragua! If you would like to help in this endeavor or if you feel God's call to join us on these short-term missions projects, we could surely use your help. We would like to obtain our own set of dental tools. We are constantly collecting medical equipment and supplies to include eyeglasses. If you have any question or would like to help, please contact me, Cecille Booth, at 910-488-7474.

450 - 500	**Professions of Faith**
2,147	**Medical patients**
44	**Eye surgeries**
251	**Pap smears**
310	**Dental patients**
99	**Teeth extracted**
36	**Fillings**
18	**Dental cleanings**
1	**Educators' seminar**
1	**Dental hygiene seminar**
4	**Classrooms built**

Northwood Temple Church
Rev. John Hedgepeth, pastor
Cecille Both, team leader

We congratulate Northwood Temple and staff for a job well done.
– D. Chris Thompson

Women's Ministries, continued from page 4

Isaiah 43:19 was the text: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth." The featured speaker for the evening service and the banquet was Bishop Barbara Amos. She did an outstanding job challenging the congregation to look to the future and expect new and wonderful things from God. Rev. Judy Brown was workshop leader for the session on "Women In Ministry." Her training was full of scriptural examples and exhortations bidding women to Christian service.

The election of new general WM officials resulted in the following slate of officers for the quadrennium: General Executive Director – our own Mary Belle Johnson. Vice director – Rev. Jewelle Stewart from Alabama. Secretary – Rev. Peggy Eby of East Oklahoma Conference. Board members elected – Lydia Trevino of the Texas Latin Conference, Michelle Bachelor of the Golden West Conference, and Linda Thomas of the North Carolina Conference.

Of course, North Carolina Conference is also pleased that another of our own was elected as bishop at the General Church Convention. Former superintendent of the North Carolina Conference, Rev. James Leggett is our new bishop.

Rev. John Hedgepeth, pastor of Northwood Temple in Fayetteville, was elected to the General Executive Board of the IPHC. Our conference is well represented at the general level.

AN OCTOBER THOUGHT

"You can cut open a pumpkin and put a candle in it to shed some light, and people will smile. But heaven forbid if they will smile at a stranger. Isn't it time for more people to open up, be more friendly to strangers, and be a light to the world? Wouldn't it be nice to see pumpkin-sized smiles on human beings?"

Craig E. Galik

The North Carolina Conference announces that Rev. Dale Eatmon is available for revivals.

Please contact Brother Eatmon at:
Route 2, Box 388
Louisburg, NC 27549
or phone 919-853-3665

Rev. & Mrs. Dale Eatmon

In the 1996 Minutes the phone number was incorrectly listed for Rev. Dale Eatmon. The correct number is 919-853-3665.

The Christian Education Department

Bobby Forehand
Christian Education
Director

DEVELOPING
Excellence
IN MINISTRY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent . . ."

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - July 1997

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	609	----	630	430
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	208	----	100	43
The First	360	----	192	----	----	173
Tarboro First	214	----	188	----	185	156
The Capital	350	----	180	----	170	199
Mt. Carmel	344	----	170	----	182	122
Gospel Tabernacle	534	20	151	12	410	312
Whitley	269	----	142	----	248	226
Stedman	280	----	138	----	251	124
Shiloh WD	284	49	127	46	187	91
Robersonville	206	----	124	----	188	144
Harkers Island	133	----	120	----	67	55
Wilson First	160	---	119	----	85	75
Lumberton	322	14	111	9	140	103
Culbreth Memorial	206	25	110	15	169	62
Clinton	270	----	110	----	212	136
Bizzell Grove	163	40	108	38	80	31
Peniel	260	----	104	----	108	55
Bethany	155	5	97	22	109	49
Brentwood	135	----	93	----	150	141
Harvest Temple	158	65	93	65	111	76
Benson	167	48	91	20	140	83
Williamston	146	15	89	10	107	60
Graham Memorial	100	----	89	----	75	74
Belfast	130	----	86	----	98	51
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	83	----	86	48
Wallace	227	----	82	----	67	45
Boardman	210	----	78	----	201	35
Baywood	124	----	76	----	58	73
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	73	----	145	44
Emmanuel	97	----	71	----	60	59
St. John	127	----	70	----	34	44
Roper	95	----	67	----	91	62
Stantonsburg	102	----	66	----	----	----
Hobgood	100	----	63	----	----	----
Elizabethtown	100	----	62	----	65	50
Hollands Chapel	71	----	60	----	30	23
Mount Olive GD	80	----	59	----	----	----
Sanford First	94	----	59	----	49	36
Moores Chapel	108	----	57	----	83	40
New Bern First	126	----	57	----	97	28
Sharon	99	1	56	1	43	22
Maranatha	64	----	56	----	50	65
Bridgeton	86	----	56	----	----	----
Manleys Grove	132	----	55	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	53	----	88	42
Kenly	99	----	53	----	----	----
Wilmington	142	----	52	----	142	31
Tyndall Grove	75	----	51	----	15	15
Brocks Chapel	155	----	50	19	91	54
Reelsboro	95	54	50	39	60	41
Midway	110	----	50	----	84	34
Thompson Chapel	104	----	49	----	59	28
Thomas Chapel	126	----	49	----	68	30
Winterville	94	----	48	----	44	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	47	----	14	14
Eastside	202	----	47	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	132	----	47	----	----	----
Shiloh FD	91	----	45	----	----	----
Goshen	79	----	45	----	36	33

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	YM Avg. Att.
Ebenezer	59	----	45	----	44	30
Ahoskie	104	----	43	----	59	36
Bethel	86	----	43	----	----	----
Friendship WD	93	----	42	----	58	44
Tabernacle	58	----	41	----	33	----
Jacksonville	76	----	41	----	54	46
Trinity CD	158	----	40	----	----	----
Carson Memorial	78	----	40	----	65	30
Trinity RMD	90	----	40	----	60	26
Hodges Chapel	91	----	40	----	----	----
Jones Grove	45	----	40	----	----	----
Selma	51	----	40	----	----	----
Snow Hill	67	----	39	----	----	----
Niagara	153	----	39	----	33	16
Scotland Neck	53	----	38	----	28	28
Faith WD	64	----	37	----	135	135
Spring Hope	53	----	36	----	46	32
Oak Ridge	64	----	35	----	28	17
Shelmerdine	50	----	34	----	42	34
Westmoreland	141	----	33	----	88	31
Weldon	66	----	33	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	31	----	----	----
Grace Community	50	----	31	----	28	18
Sims	49	----	31	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	30	----	----	----
Aberdeen	80	----	29	----	75	17
Albritton	74	23	29	23	43	23
Black Creek	41	----	29	----	----	----
Vanceboro	36	----	29	----	----	----
New Vision	57	----	28	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	27	----	----	----
Vaughns Chapel	44	----	27	----	----	----
Heritage	56	----	26	----	46	36
Bailey	34	----	25	----	19	12
New Covenant	45	18	24	17	28	16
Clayton	38	6	23	6	----	----
Alliance	43	----	23	----	42	----
Vicks Chapel	22	----	22	----	----	----
Cedar Point	45	----	22	----	13	12
Friendship NBD	27	----	20	----	20	8
Abbottsburg	56	----	20	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	42	----	19	----	----	----
Independence	39	----	19	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	18	----	----	----
Wades Point	56	----	18	----	----	----
New Hope	27	----	16	----	----	----
Alert	55	----	14	----	----	----
Wakelon	13	----	12	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	10	----	19	----
Lighthouse	8	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	8	6	13	----	----
Faith GD	80	----	----	----	60	----
Millennium	142	36	----	----	90	----
Rehoboth	169	----	----	----	60	----
Grifton	84	----	----	----	41	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	----	----	----	----
Total:	14,900	427	7,176	355	7,419	4,714
Average:	128	27	64	22	95	64
Count:	116	----	112	----	78	74

1997 CONFERENCE & NATIONAL WINNERS

Talent Winners

Female Solo	Tiffany White
Male Solo	Ray Faircloth, Jr.
Vocal Ensemble – Div. I	Voices of Praise
Vocal Ensemble – Div. II	Stedman Youth in Covenant
Vocal Ensemble – Div. III	Crosswalk Choir
Instrumental Solo – Div. I	Ray Faircloth, Jr.
Instrumental Solo – Div. II	Jacob Babb
***Instrumental Solo – Div. III**	**Justin Williamson**
Instrumental Ensemble – Div. I	Demascus
Instrumental Ensemble – Div. II	Clinton Instrumental Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble – Div. III	His Majesty's Best Teen Handbell Choir
***Keyboard Solo**	**Ray Faircloth, Jr.**
Keyboard Ensemble	Chadbourn Keyboard Duet
***Communication Arts – Div. I**	**Joy Amanda Edwards**
Communication Arts – Div. II	Guy Chapman
Communication Arts – Div. III	Gospel Tabernacle Drama Team
Communication Arts – Div. IV	Jessica Lockamy
Communication Arts – Div. V	Covered by the Blood
Communication Arts – Div. VI	Kelly Blackmon
Communication Arts – Div. VII	Lifeline Drama Team
Communication Arts – Div. VIII	Amanda Glover
Communication Arts – Div. IX	D.E.W.
Creative Arts – Div. I	John Loftis
***Creative Arts – Div. II**	**Charles Vincent Arozamena**
Creative Arts – Div. III	R. Chad Bowie
Creative Arts – Div. IV	Laura Pechtel
Creative Writing – Div. I	Olivia Gray
Creative Writing – Div. II	David Cannady
Creative Writing – Div. III	Olivia Gray

Bible Quiz

Div. I – Culbreth Memorial
Div. II – The Capital
Div. III – Gospel Tabernacle

Ranger of the Year

***Trailblazer – Jonathan Johnson**
Trail Ranger – Brad Hancock

*** NATIONAL WINNER**

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 NOVEMBER 1997 NUMBER 11

"It is a good thing to give THANKS unto the Lord..."

– Psalm 92:1

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

PROMISE KEEPERS – That is what the Lord has commanded all of us to be: a real Promise Keeper – To Him, ourselves, our families and to all people!

"Stand In The Gap" We must position ourselves in a positive stance to make a difference for the glory of God and the good of the human family!

I was not able to attend the "Stand In The Gap" gathering of Promise Keepers in Washington , D.C., on Saturday, October 4, 1997. However, I want you to hear from some men who were there.

Jack Kelley, Men's Ministries Director of this conference and of the General International Pentecostal Holiness Church:

My Brothers and Sisters,

When I get an opportunity to review all that has taken place in my life, one of the key events will be that I had the blessing to see the Lord move at the Promise Keepers' "Stand In The Gap" Solemn Assembly.

First of all, I had the opportunity to "hang out" with Bishop Leggett and Tal Gardner. We walked everywhere, talked to numbers of men. Had the opportunity to share with other denominational heads briefly to see what PK can do to help them and specifically to help local pastors to motivate, train and release men into ministry.

The number of men that were there was unreal. As we walked, we encountered men from our Men's Ministries in the Sonshine, North Carolina, South Carolina, Western North Carolina, Appalachian, and Mid-Atlantic conferences and missionaries. It looked like the world had decided to meet in this one place.

A few brief memories, far too much to write in this brief report:

The number of men there – unbelievable!

The music and praise by the men – awesome!

Prayer – oh yeah – every 25 feet you'd run into a group of men huddled in prayer. Just prior to the start of the event, we visited the Capitol and went to the floor of the House of Representatives. As we came in, a member of the House of Representatives had a delegation of around 35 of his constituents on the floor of the House kneeling in prayer for our country. Prayer everywhere! We encountered prayer groups in parking lots, hotels, restaurants, metro stations, streets, lines to the bathroom, on the streets, and in all the public buildings we passed.

At one point one of the speakers asked all of us to prostrate ourselves on the ground. As he began to pray, it was noticeable that not a sound was being made – no autos, no one talking, just a reverent silence had filled the entire mall area.

As a dad, I was pleased to link up with one of my sons about halfway through the event. That in itself seems like a miracle now. But together we had the opportunity to share in prayer and commitment.

When it was all over, my son and I got on a metro and headed back to the station where I had parked the car. It was the last station at the end of the Metro's Orange line. As we left the Metro and were coming down the last set of steps, there in front of us was a lady with two children. One was a little girl of about six and a little boy of about one in a stroller. Each had a sign they were holding. The lady's sign said, "My husband is a Promise Keeper," and each of the two children held a sign saying, "My Daddy is a Promise Keeper."

And I said, "Lord Jesus – help me to be a Promise Keeper to my wife, my children, and grandchildren."

What an awesome day. Praise the Lord.

Pastor Greg Long of New Bern First Pentecostal Holiness Church, A Review of the Promise Keepers' "Stand In The Gap" Solemn Assembly – A Pastor's Perspective:

Saturday, October 4, 1997, will always remain on the list of my most memorable experiences in ministry. Promise Keepers' Solemn Assembly, "Stand In The Gap," which was held in Washington, D.C., was definitely ordained by God. It was my honor to be among the multitude of men which crowded in to hear from God.

Continued on page 8

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Several years ago we began updating the *Monthly Emphasis Calendar* for Harvest Train in hopes that we could keep a good supply of our most needed commodities year round instead of having an over abundance of several items. This system has worked very well, and once again we are sending the calendar to all our churches. Please use it to promote the Harvest Train in your church. Additional calendars are available if you need them. We need all people in every department of the church working together to make the Harvest Train a success each year.

Tuesday, November 25, 1997, is Harvest Train Day! Mark your calendar now and consider this your first personal invitation from all of us to all of you. We plan our program each year with everyone who supports HOME in mind. This is our small way of expressing our love and appreciation to you.

Remember, **November 25, 1997,** all of our children and staff will be alongside the road welcoming you to the most important day of the year for us! Please don't disappoint us by staying home!

Sincerely,
Wiley T. Clark, Superintendent
Falcon Children's Home

FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME SUGGESTED MONTHLY EMPHASIS ITEMS

JUNE

Laundry Detergent, Boys' Dress Socks, T-Shirts, Underwear, Panty Hose (A, B & Queen in Suntan, Nude, Off Black and White), Panties, Slips, Bras, Sanitary Napkins, Deodorant, Body Powder, Hand/Body Lotion, Laundry Baskets, Brooms, Light Bulbs, **Disposable Latex Gloves**, Trash Bags (30-40 gal.), Small Trash Cans, Bleach

JULY

Sugar, Shortening, Aluminum Foil, Waxed Paper, Saran Wrap, Napkins, Paper Towels, Paper Plates, **Laundry Detergent**, Canned Goods, (#10 and small cans), Tea Bags, Kool-Aid, Fruit Juice, Salt, Pepper, Cooking Oil, Spices, Pancake Syrup, Catsup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Toilet Paper, Fabric Softener

AUGUST

Blow Dryers, Curling Irons, Mixers, Toasters, Can Openers, Irons, Ironing Boards, Hair Brushes, **Laundry Detergent**, Disposable Latex Gloves, Teenage Christmas Gift Items, Twin Size Sheets and Bedspreads, Pillows, Full and Queen Size Sheet Sets, Manila File Folders, Staplers, Staples, Paper Clips, Fine Point Pens, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue

SEPTEMBER

Oral Thermometers, Cough Syrup and Drops, Antibacterial Ointment, Calamine Lotion, Pepto-Bismol, Adult and Children's Tylenol, Gauze, Gauze Tape, Face Scrub, Q-Tips, Cotton Balls, Imodium, Bandaids, Disposable Latex Gloves, **Laundry Detergent**, Insect Bite Ointment, Furniture Polish, Windex, 409 Cleaner, Oven Cleaner

OCTOBER

Cake Mixes, Cake Icing, Brownie Mixes, Pancake Mix, Snacks, Sugar, Cereals, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Brown Sugar, Pudding, Small Jello, Pop Tarts, Crackers, Corn Meal, Self-Rising Flour, Grits, **Sugar**, Trash Bags (30-40 gal.), **Laundry Detergent**, Pine Sol, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving Cream, Razors

NOVEMBER IS HARVEST TRAIN MONTH

Collect all perishable items and join us for a day of celebration Tuesday, Nov. 25!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. William Allen Mayo announce the birth of their daughter, Hayli Alexis Mayo, born July 7, 1997. She weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz.

PLEASE NOTE

LifeSprings Resources is experiencing difficulty in scanning photographs that have a matte or textured finish. The scanner is picking up the texture and causes the photograph to appear "fuzzy" when printed, both with color and black and white reproduction. This also causes additional time in scanning and adds cost to the job. Photos with a gloss finish reproduce best and are most cost efficient.

Whenever possible, please request your photographer or photo lab to give you gloss finish photos so that we don't have an increase in cost of reproducing.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Rev. Ralph Lambert . . . . . .November 23
Rev. J. Everett Eatmon . . . . . .November 26
Rev. W. O. Foreman . . . . . .November 26
Rev. Wiley Vick . . . . . .November 29

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA...

When November comes around, our thoughts turn toward FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME and HARVEST TRAIN! As a child, I learned a little song that also comes to mind when I think of Falcon Children's Home.

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world!

One night during the Falcon Camp Meeting, Rev. and Mrs. Wiley Clark brought some of the children from the home to participate in the service. The group of children sang and performed so beautifully in praise and worship. They were all well-dressed and seemed to be happy children. In the closing presentation of their performance, the Clarks joined them for a song. The picture that was before the congregation was one of family. Even though these children have, for one reason or another, been separated from their birth parents, God has given them a loving family through the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

As I saw them there, my mind went back to earlier years when Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Pope and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bradshaw would load the children from Falcon Children's Home on their bus and visit the local churches for Sunday morning services. I remembered the excitement at Holly Hill when they came for a visit. It was always a joy to take three or four of them to our house for lunch to get to know them. Several of them became my pen pals as a result of those visits.

I recalled making friends with many of those young people during my teen years at Falcon Youth Camp. One who especially stands out in my mind was a pretty young girl named Jesse. She was very talented and played the piano. She later married Bobby Brafford, the son of a pastor in our conference. Another one, Harold Queen, is a very active FCH Alumnus and an outstanding layman in the Western North Carolina Conference and remains a friend to me to this day.

I thought of the times Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Morris brought the children to Piney Grove Camp Meeting where we enjoyed their presence. In more recent years while Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Turpin headed the home, I served on the Falcon Children's Home Board of Directors. During that tenure of service, I became acquainted with many of the beautiful young people there. Just as their predecessors had done, the Turpins devoted their lives to the well being of "our" children. From various backgrounds and cultures, they have come to us...in need of love and direction. They have received it from the hands and hearts of dedicated men and women of God. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have served as superintendents of Falcon Children's Home. We also are indebted to those who have been called to the ministry of houseparenting there. These people are true champions.

Many of you have supported Falcon Children's Home through the years so that children such as these can have a loving home environment. Once again, as the Thanksgiving season approaches, we lovingly reach out to make provision for and meet the needs of OUR CHILDREN. Yes, they are our children...for God placed them in our care for a season. They will eventually leave us. Some will go back to the homes from which they came, and others will leave to go out into a whole new world of their own. But none of them will leave without having their lives touched by the Gospel...both in Word and deed.

Jesus does love the little children...and He loves them through people such as Wiley and Jean Clark and the staff members of the home. He also loves through YOU and ME! Join us in Falcon on November 25 as our gifts of love are gathered in to bless those precious children who are there in our care.

WILSON DISTRICT WM NEWS...

The Women's Ministries and GEMS at the Friendship Church in Wilson have been very busy lately. We have been raising money for various projects. Recently, we carpeted the fellowship hall and remodeled the rest room facilities at the church.

In August, our GEMS had a sleepover at the church. WM members presented a fashion show for them. To mention a few, a dinner dress, a tea dress, and a Christmas dress were modeled. The girls really enjoyed this, and a prize was given to the best-dressed lady (see photo below).

We were honored to have Sister Linda Thomas as our guest speaker for our August WM meeting. The Spirit of the Lord was there in a special way. Please pray for us that we will continue to grow and remain true and faithful until Jesus comes again.

Submitted by Diane Bunn

FROM NCWM HISTORIAN...

The responsibility of a historian is to record history as it is being made through information, pictures and clippings so that the past history may be informative and inspirational to the present generation and to generations to come. This was the purpose of our first historian, Mrs. Belle Newsome, who was elected NC Woman's Auxiliary Historian in 1955. The purpose has been the same over the

Continued on next page

past 42 years as each historian has collected and assembled materials to keep our history alive.

My friend, Donna, and I made a trip to Falcon in July to research the WM scrapbooks for ideas to share in this article. For four hours we rejoiced over the many things we read and saw. (I couldn't actually believe we actually wore some of those hats and dresses, but at the time those photos were made, we really felt dressed up!!!)

It was so encouraging to see pictures of ladies who started our organization. Many of them now rejoice in Heaven. Mrs. Newsome did a wonderful job with the first scrapbook. She was assisted by Mrs. Jean Williams (planned), Mrs. J. W. Lewis (printed materials), Mrs. Annie Miller Johnson (contributed valuable data), Mrs. Frances Shirley (statistical information), Mrs. Margaret Russell (camera work), and Mrs. Janice Turpin (typed manuscript). Many local WA groups also sent in pictures and clippings pertaining to the beginning of NC Woman's Auxiliary.

The most interesting part was related to the organizing of the NC Woman's Auxiliary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church on May 10, 1944, in the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon. This was a vision come true for Mrs. Lila Berry. Her desire was to see ladies in every church being allowed to minister to the people of the church and community. By 1947, we had 23 active auxiliaries. In 1948, one year later, there was a 50 percent increase; and 53 years later, we now have a membership in the NC Conference of 3,548 and 143 reporting groups. The organization now reaches around the world through the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. To God be the glory, with special tribute to Mrs. Berry's memory for a wonderful working group of ladies who were our founding sisters.

The first motto, *"One for all and all for Christ,"* was submitted by Mrs. Annie Miller Johnson. Later it was changed to, *"Dedicated to Serve,"* and our current motto is, *"Reshaping Lives for Ministry."* The name *Woman's Auxiliary* was retained until the 1985 General Convention when it changed to *Women's Ministries*. The purpose of the WA in 1954 was to *"Promote Spirituality in the Home, Church, and Community."* This was changed in 1985 to *"Committed to Ministry."* Our purpose now is to *"Encourage and Nurture Ministry Gifts Within Each Individual."*

Our emblem was designed by Mrs. Margaret Russell in 1959. It is a triangle (representing home, church, and community) within a circle. Praying hands are in the center of the triangle. The current logo depicts the head of a lady and a symbol of the cross with the words *"Reshaping Lives"* under it.

Did you know that the first WA Conference Project was to furnish silverware and china for the new conference dormitory? Other projects were: placing electric water fountains in the Ark Building (How many remember the Ark???); a concrete walk from the tabernacle to the cafeteria; office equipment; tables, park benches, and garbage containers for Camp Meeting picnics; and cafeteria equipment. We are reminded of our recent project in 1997 of furnishing tables and chairs for the new cafeteria. WA/WM ladies have always worked hard to beautify our campus facilities.

Mrs. Berry began the Adoption Plan for the children of Falcon Children's Home in 1949. She also started the Santa Claus Train, which we now know as the Harvest Train. This is a highlight of our year as we carry commodities and money to FCH and enjoy their musical program each November.

The first Mission program began in 1955 by sending packages to missionaries overseas. We now have the Agnes Robinson Christmas Missions Fund to bless our missionaries at Christmas.

The Feast of Ingathering was also founded by the Woman's Auxiliary. Each fall we enjoy sending money to Emmanuel College and Holmes College of the Bible to help our young people have an opportunity for a Christian higher education experience.

Our first Women's Retreat was held in 1981. This is an annual event which brings nearly 1,000 of our membership together for worship and fellowship.

The Girls Auxiliary was also founded by the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary in 1972. Mrs. Janice Crawford served as Director. In the 1980s Girls Auxiliary was transitioned to GEMS and is currently under the directorship of Mrs. Sandra McCandless.

Our ladies have always enjoyed attending WA/WM Conferences to receive certificates and awards for goals accomplished during the year. Space will not permit all the news I would like to share, but the WA/WM scrapbook collection is generally displayed at WM functions in Falcon. Be sure to take a look at it...read our history and look back at the pictures and memoirs. Some day in the future, someone might be seeing your picture in the History of North Carolina Women's Ministries in the same collection.

Submitted by Dorothy Boyette
North Carolina Women's Ministries Historian

Dorothy Boyette

Dorothy Boyette is a member of The First Church in Goldsboro where she has served at various times more than 20 years as a WA / WM President. She also served on the conference level as a district director for 12 years. For 35 years, she has been serving as teenage class Sunday school teacher. She is also a kindergarten teacher. Dorothy is married to Jack Boyette, and they have three children. Their daughters, Terry (WM Director) and Lisa (WM Secretary-Treasurer) are both active in The First Church. Their son, Scott, and his wife, Shelly, attend the Capital Church in Raleigh.

A SPECIAL WORD OF GRATITUDE TO ALL HISTORIANS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COLLECTION.

Woman's Auxiliary Founder Lila Berry speaks to early WA audience.

1949 Conference Project – Cafeteria Equipment

1960 Gold Certificate Recipients at WA Convention

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

HISTORY MADE IN FALCON

On October 3 and 4, history was made in Falcon. The "first" Hispanic Camp Meeting was held at the J. A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Tabernacle. The services were entirely in Spanish. The language might be different, but the Spirit is the same. The services were excellent.

Rev. Elvio Conavesio was the invited speaker. Brother Conavesio was greatly used of the Lord. His messages were a blessing.

Our own Rev. John Parker led the services. Brother Parker has been a great blessing in helping to establish Hispanic churches within the Conference.

Presently there are 13 Hispanic preaching missions in the Conference, three organized Hispanic churches, and two CTM's (church type mission). The Conference has 16 Hispanic ministers.

FALL REGIONAL REVITALIZATION MEETINGS

The days of November 3-6 were special days in the Conference for Evangelism Ministries. Rev. Doyle Marley of Asheville and Rev. Bill Jones of Elberton, GA, will be speaking within the Conference.

These regional meetings were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The locations were as follows:

Monday – Nov. 3 – New Bern First Church
Tuesday – Nov. 4 – Shiloh, Wilson
Thursday – Nov. 6 – Clinton First

Each meeting began at 7:00 p.m. sharp and continued to 9:00 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship followed the meetings. Ministers could earn two CEU credits by attending.

These meetings were open to everyone. All clergy and key church leaders were invited.

INTRODUCING KIM NOBLES

New Itenerating Medical Missionary

My name is Kim Nobles. I am a Registered Nurse currently working in a long-term care facility. I have been a member of Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville for five years. During this time, I've taken an active role in choir, drama, youth Evangelism Explosion, and Sunday school, as well as substituting at Northwood Temple Academy.

Kim Nobles

I have recently been approved as a medical missionary to Managua, Nicaragua. There I plan to

Continued next page

ıne of our
language
ta Rica, I
to set up

r. Once to
ıtic team,
ı medical
ess these
ıtire field
placed in

ı store for
ings and
alings.
ou. I hope
coming a
e.
he N. C.
ard as a

Medical Missionary. She has begun her itineration. She is open for Sunday services and for other special services. She feels very comfortable speaking at churches. I highly recommend her to our churches.

D. Chris Thompson
Conference World Missions Director

SPECIAL "GO" OFFERING UPDATE

Presently some $180,000.00 plus has been received at the Conference Office for this year's "GO" Offering. Some over $12,000.00 in pledges are still out. (These were the figures as of September 30, 1997.) In order to count for this year's offering, funds must be received in the Conference Office by the end of November or directly to Oklahoma City by the last work day of December.

We are still working for 100% participation of churches.

OD'S LOVE TO THE WORLD

tunity for
national
support of
it possible
ow have a
ıd the list

ıtinue to:

- **Pray** for the missionaries. (The LINK provides an excellent prayer guide).
- **Give** a monthly Faith Commitment toward the support of one or more missionaries.
- **Participate** in the annual Global Outreach by giving a day's wages to the GO offering and by spending a day in prayer and fasting for world evangelization!

tecostal Holiness ministry – Summer 1997

ASIA

ɔique
rn Africa"
ı
ıeone
frica
nd
ia

Australia
Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Myanmar
New Zealand
Pakistan
Philippines
Singapore
Vietnam

LATIN AMERICA/WEST INDIES

we
ı
a
ɜ
stan

Argentina
Barbados
Bolivia
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Puerto Rico
Trinidad
Uruguay
Venezuela

NORTH AMERICA

Canada
United States

Departments of Evangelism and World M

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is lib

HISTORY MADE IN FALCON

On October 3 and 4, history was made in Falcon. The "first" Hispanic Camp Meeting was held at the J. A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Tabernacle. The services were entirely in Spanish. The language might be different, but the Spirit is the same. The services were excellent.

Rev. Elvio Conavesio was the invited speaker. Brother Conavesio was greatly used of the Lord. His messages were a blessing.

Our own Rev. John Parker led the services. Brother Parker has been a great blessing in helping to establish Hispanic ch

Presentl in the Con and two C has 16 Hisp

RE

The days Conferenc Marley of GA, will be

These r Tuesday, a follows:

Mor

Each m continued t followed th credits by a

These m and key chu

INT

N

My nam currently w been a Northwood in Fayett years. Du I've taken a choir, d Evangelism Sunday sc substitutin Temple Aca

I have approved missionar Nicaragua.

set up and run a clinic in conjunction with one of our local churches. First, I will spend a year in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica. While in Costa Rica, I plan to make frequent trips into Managua to set up "mini" clinics for a day or two at a time.

I have taken three short-term trips thus far. Once to Caracas, Venezuela, as part of an evangelistic team, and twice to Managua, Nicaragua, leading a medical team. God has already begun to richly bless these efforts, enabling our church to donate an entire field hospital to the Nicaraguan government to be placed in a remote jungle area. Praise the Lord!

I am positive that God has mighty things in store for Nicaragua, beginning with physical healings and leading to powerful, life-changing spiritual healings.

I look forward to sharing this vision with you. I hope that you will begin to seek God about becoming a partner with me in this exciting new adventure.

Mrs. Nobles has been approved by the N. C. Conference Board and World Missions Board as a Medical Missionary. She has begun her itineration. She is open for Sunday services and for other special services. She feels very comfortable speaking at churches. I highly recommend her to our churches.

D. Chris Thompson
Conference World Missions Director

SPECIAL "GO" OFFERING UPDATE

Presently some $180,000.00 plus has been received at the Conference Office for this year's "GO" Offering. Some over $12,000.00 in pledges are still out. (These were the figures as of September 30, 1997.) In order to count for this year's offering, funds must be received in the Conference Office by the end of November or directly to Oklahoma City by the last work day of December.

We are still working for 100% participation of churches.

TAKING GOD'S LOVE TO THE WORLD

God is continually opening doors of opportunity for World Missions Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Your faithful support of the missionaries and varied programs makes it possible for us to respond. Because of your giving we now have a PH presence in 81 countries of the world and the list continues to grow each year.

Please be reminded that we need you to continue to:

- **Pray** for the missionaries. (The LINK provides an excellent prayer guide).
- **Give** a monthly Faith Commitment toward the support of one or more missionaries.
- **Participate** in the annual Global Outreach by giving a day's wages to the GO offering and by spending a day in prayer and fasting for world evangelization!

81 Countries with Pentecostal Holiness ministry – Summer 1997

AFRICA

Benin
Botswana
Burundi
Cameroon
Cote d'Ivoire
Egypt
Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Malawi
Mozambique
nigeria
"Northern Africa"
Rwanda
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Swaziland
Tanzania
Uganda
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

Albania
France
Germany
Great Britain
Hungary
Israel
Italy
Kazakhstan
Malta
Moldova
Norway
Romania
Russia
Spain
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

AFFILIATES

Brazil
Chile
Togo

ASIA

Australia
Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Myanmar
New Zealand
Pakistan
Philippines
Singapore
Vietnam

LATIN AMERICA/WEST INDIES

Argentina
Barbados
Bolivia
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Puerto Rico
Trinidad
Uruguay
Venezuela

NORTH AMERICA

Canada
United States

Continued from page 2

The highlights of "Stand In The Gap" were more than what we did, but rather it was what we did not do! We did not promote political issues. We did not promote personalities nor individual ministries! We did not get overly concerned about "how many were there"! We did not do things according to fad nor tradition! For six hours we did not talk about sports or hobbies! We were not concerned with eating or fellowship! For six hours we concentrated on getting to the basics of Christianity! We concentrated on the purpose which God has for men on this earth. We pulled down our spiritual mirrors and allowed the Holy Spirit to show a reflection of our own lives and give us the mercy and grace to be forgiven of our shortcomings. In essence, we had a six-hour revival with over a million men from all around the world. Husbands, dads and sons alike gathered for a a serious conference with our Father God. Some men came without the Savior but left with Jesus living in their hearts!

From a pastoral perspective, I am very encouraged by the move of God during "Stand In The Gap" and in all the Promise Keepers conferences throughout the United States. I firmly believe the church needs a revival among our men. The men of our churches need to understand their purpose which God has for them in their homes, communities, and churches. I believe God is using Promise Keepers as a tool to begin a new work in the local church.

I would like to encourage all pastors to promote the Promise Keepers ministry. The men who attended from the New Bern First Pentecostal Holiness Church have been stirred to charter a bus next year and send every man in the church to Promise Keepers! Will you take the challenge, Pastor?

Sam Jones, Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church Layman:

What happened in Washington, D.C., on October 4, 1997? Not since Moses led Israel out of Egypt 4,000 years ago have so many men been gathered together in one place at one time to respond to God's call. What brought these men together? Why were they there? "Stand In The Gap" solemn assembly of men was a continuance of the vision the Lord has shown Bill McCartney, former coach of Colorado State University. Promise Keepers was formed out of this vision of God calling men back to the "Headship" that He had originally intended. From this move of God in the hearts of men, through stadium conferences came His design to call men to salvation and restoration.

We were called to "Stand In The Gap" – for ourselves, others, and our nation. First, to confess our own sins and right ourselves with our Lord. Second, to pray for our brothers and sisters. Third, to repent for our nation's sin and apostasy. In II Chronicles 7:14 the Lord states, "If my people, who are called by my name [that's us] will humble themselves, repent of their sins and seek my face; then I will hear from Heaven and heal their land." It's an awesome sight to see one million plus men bowing on our knees asking God to forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us.

The numbers on the mall had to say to the world, "JEHOVAH GOD IS NOT DEAD! HE REIGNS IN THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE." We were not drawn there by man. We were drawn to our Nation's Capitol by the Spirit of God, for the purpose of worshiping the Lord, Jesus Christ. From the evidence of raised hands, broken contrite hearts, and "hallelujahs," I know God had met us there, heard our prayers, and is sending Revival. When darkness fell on Washington, D.C., on the evening of October 4, 1997, light was dispersed across the nations and across the seas, into the hearts of men that God touched with Revival. What will happen now? Just ask any man in your community, and you'll know that Revival is spreading.

Wives, encourage your husbands: The Lord will bless you with a "new" man!

Your Brother and Christ's Servant,
Sam Jones

Kelley Clarke, Youth Pastor of Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn:

Saturday, October 4, 1997, men from churches all across America were part of making national and church history. Along with many others from the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn, NC, I eagerly made the journey to the Washington D.C., mall as well to be a part of the Promise Keepers' Sacred Assembly of Men a.k.a. "Standing In The Gap."

We arrived at the mall area located between the capitol and various monuments around 10 a.m., and I was stunned to see the vast area already packed full of expectant Promise Keepers. Men continued to arrive by the hundreds of thousands over the next two hours.

Previously I had attended a "Washington for Jesus" rally at the same location. With more than 500,000 in attendance that night, I was greatly moved by the sheer volume of sincere, praying Christian men.

Nevertheless, nothing could have prepared me for the great volume of men I would see or the powerful move of God I would experience and observe at Promise Keepers. The crowd was twice the size I had imagined – numbering more than one million multi-racial, multi-denominational men literally stretching for miles, as far as the eye could see.

These men were not tourists or there for a social experience. These were men on a spiritual mission praying on our nation's capitol steps, lying on their faces before God, humbled and repentant. They were seeking God's mercy for their sins and for our country. They were "Standing In The Gap."

The day's events were led by an assortment of church leadership, such as Billy Graham, but the speakers themselves were not the focus or the highlight. The individual and corporate prayers that were offered to God that day represent the accomplishment of Promise Keepers.

I was honored to be a part of such a spiritually significant event, but challenged as well. Promise Keepers is not a men's club, a social event, or even a mere men's fellowship. It is a modern-day accountability measure keeping men true to their commitments to God, to their families, and their fellowmen. All this in a day and age when long-lasting commitment is unpopular and unfashionable. If men will truly be "Promise Keepers," then our nation and world will be changed.

Bobby Forehand
CEM
Director

North Carolina Conference
CEM
CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Christian Education Department Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - August 1997

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	592	----	630	430
Kinston First	634	----	281	----	321	268
Tarboro First	214	----	190	----	185	164
Gospel Tabernacle	535	20	189	12	413	323
The First	360	----	189	----	----	----
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	189	----	100	43
The Capital	350	----	166	----	170	196
Mt. Carmel	344	----	165	----	182	116
St. Pauls	176	----	145	----	132	130
Stedman	280	----	141	----	251	127
Whitley	269	----	140	----	248	206
Shiloh WD	284	50	136	50	187	99
Clinton	268	----	125	----	245	119
Robersonville	206	----	117	----	188	141
Wilson First	160	---	117	----	75	80
Harkers Island	133	----	115	----	67	57
Bizzell Grove	163	40	113	37	80	36
Smyrna	----	----	111	----	----	63
Lumberton	322	14	106	9	140	79
Peniel	261	----	106	----	109	49
Harvest Temple	164	65	105	47	128	79
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	103	11	169	91
Brentwood	135	----	100	----	150	148
Evangel	210	----	94	16	----	59
Belfast	130	----	90	----	105	55
Graham Memorial	100	----	90	----	75	63
Benson	167	48	89	21	140	91
Bethany	155	5	88	22	109	38
Williamston	146	15	86	8	107	71
St. Paul	----	----	85	----	----	----
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	83	----	86	48
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	83	----	----	35
Wallace	226	----	82	----	67	51
Millennium	142	36	79	29	90	44
Stantonsburg	102	----	75	----	----	----
Baywood	124	----	73	----	58	53
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	71	----	140	52
Hobgood	100	----	69	----	----	----
Emmanuel	97	----	69	----	60	58
Roper	95	----	65	----	91	53
Boardman	210	----	64	----	201	38
Nakina	79	----	62	----	----	----
Sharon	99	1	61	1	43	26
Mount Olive GD	80	----	60	----	----	----
Westview	112	----	59	----	88	44
Hollands Chapel	71	----	58	----	30	20
New Bern First	126	----	57	----	97	37
Brocks Chapel	155	19	56	14	91	54
Moores Chapel	108	----	55	----	83	36
Wilmington	142	----	55	----	142	25
Manleys Grove	132	----	55	----	----	----
Taylors Chapel	132	----	55	----	----	----
Rehoboth	139	----	53	----	60	----
Tyndall Grove	75	----	52	----	15	9
Sanford First	94	----	52	----	49	40
Thompson Chapel	104	----	51	----	59	22
Kenly	99	----	51	----	----	----
Maranatha	68	----	50	----	50	60
Goshen	79	----	49	----	36	29
Thomas Chapel	126	----	49	----	66	23
Midway	110	----	48	----	84	39
Bridgeton	86	----	48	----	----	----
Reelsboro	95	----	47	----	65	38
Carson Memorial	78	----	46	----	65	24
Warsaw	77	----	46	----	39	10
Ahoskie	104	----	45	----	59	32

	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Snow Hill	67	----	45	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	44	----	14	14
Ebenezer	58	----	44	----	44	31
Hodges Chapel	84	----	43	----	----	----
Tabernacle	58	----	42	----	33	28
Bethel	86	----	42	----	----	----
Eastside	202	----	42	----	----	----
Calvary Temple	36	----	42	----	----	----
Winterville	94	----	41	----	44	----
Friendship WD	93	----	40	----	58	40
Scotland Neck	53	----	39	----	28	30
Jones Grove	42	----	39	----	----	----
Jacksonville	76	----	38	----	30	22
Trinity CD	158	----	38	----	----	----
Shiloh FD	91	----	38	----	----	----
Red Springs	70	----	37	----	----	----
Faith WD	65	135	37	115	----	----
Shelmerdine	51	----	36	----	42	36
Niagara	154	----	36	----	33	17
Spring Hope	50	----	35	----	46	33
St. Matthew	73	----	34	----	----	----
Selma	59	----	34	----	----	----
Westmoreland	141	----	33	----	88	31
Albritton	73	23	33	23	43	17
Weldon	66	----	32	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	32	----	----	----
Vanceboro	36	----	32	----	----	----
Liberty	44	----	31	----	----	----
Sneads Ferry	----	----	31	----	----	12
Trinity RMD	90	----	30	----	60	25
New Vision	57	----	29	----	----	----
Grace Community	50	----	29	----	30	21
Aberdeen	80	----	28	----	75	19
Black Creek	41	----	28	----	----	----
New Covenant	45	18	28	20	28	20
Heritage	56	----	28	----	46	27
Oak Ridge	64	----	27	----	28	16
Grifton	84	----	26	----	41	29
Sims	49	----	26	----	19	19
Sonlight	30	----	25	----	22	22
Cedar Point	45	----	25	----	19	16
Lamm's Grove	50	----	24	----	----	----
Bailey	34	----	24	----	19	13
New Hope	27	----	23	----	----	----
Vaughns Chapel	44	----	23	----	----	----
Abbottsburg	56	----	22	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	26	----	22	----	----	----
Independence	39	----	21	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	20	----	----	----
Alliance	43	----	20	----	42	----
Clayton	38	6	19	6	----	----
Wades Point	56	----	19	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	19	----	----	20
Middlesex	17	----	16	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	13	----	20	7
Alert	54	----	12	----	----	----
Wakelon	13	----	12	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	11	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	9	----	19	----
New Life	10	----	8	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	8	----	----	----
Windsor	13	9	6	12	----	----
Total:	16,190	529	8,266	453	7,691	4,986
Average:	131	31	64	25	95	57
Count:	124	----	129	----	81	88

North Carolina Conference

CEM

CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

1998
CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONVENTION

JANUARY 9-10, 1998

CONFERENCE TRAINING CENTER
FALCON, NC

CHURCH _____

DISTRICT _____

Early Bird Registration Fee (Before December 15, 1997)	$10.00 per person
Registration Fee After December 15, 1997	$15.00 per person
Number of Delegates	_____
Amount enclosed	_____

Note: Before December 15, 1997, the maximum registration fee is $60.00 per church. After December 15, the maximum registration fee is $90.00 per church. Registration includes a 1998 calendar update for all local pastors and local CEM Directors.

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid at Falcon, NC 28342 and other additional mailing offices

C281.1
142

Evangel

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

VOLUME 52 | DECEMBER 1997 | NUMBER 12

T. Elwood Long

From the Superintendent

CHRISTMAS –

It just must be more than this!

A time to close down the shop or the office so we can sit by the open hearth with its sparkling fire with tummies that are absolutely filled beyond normal capacity. That's good, but Christmas must be more than this.

A time to stand in line with the children or grandchildren to talk with the "Jolly Old Elf" who sometimes is not so jolly. Some kids are screaming resistance to his presence while others are tugging at his cloud-white beard to see if it really is beard. That's O.K. But Christmas must be more than this.

A time for trying to figure how you're going to cut that greeting card list to keep down expenses or better than that is trying to explain to your spouse why the cards were mailed on December 28 because they slipped under the seat of the car, and you forgot you didn't mail them earlier. Better yet is trying to determine just "whom" that card is from and wondering if it is someone you forgot to mail one to. Cards are great and help to emphasize the celebration, but Christmas just has to be more than this.

A time for going to all those parties; trying to remember the words to songs you've been singing all your life; playing those games that the couple across from you has been practicing since last Christmas so they simply couldn't win all those prizes. Parties and gala events can be great fellowship, but Christmas must be more than this.

A time for trimming the tree, hanging the wreaths and reminiscing over past Christmases as you slowly and carefully place each decorative trinket or lace the tree with garlands. All this creates a special work of art for family and friends to ooh! and aah! over, but is that the extent of Christmas?

Christmas – a scarf that doesn't match a garment you own; a necktie that doesn't complement another item in your wardrobe; enough aftershave lotion or cologne to last until next Christmas; a clean-up that reveals a small gift that was lost in the scramble..and the list goes on. However, Christmas is more than this.

Christmas is a celebration of Jesus Christ! The Son of God, Emmanuel has come to dwell among us that we may catch a glimpse of His glory that supersedes all other sights we will ever behold. He, who is Creator and Preserver of all things, has reduced His sum total and omnipresent circumference to live within our "little" hearts. **We exalt Him! This is Christmas!** It is so much more than a short tinseled season. It is an attitude – a lifestyle.

Christmas – a time for sharing with those less fortunate in such a manner that alters our perception of them and their plight. The "Christmas" spirit develops us into a more caring and sharing Body of Christ.

Christmas – a time for barrier breaking in relationships among the races and cultures; dissolving family squabbles; quelling church quarrels, etc. – a real cease-fire!

Christmas – a time to lovingly embrace the manger Baby and allow the Holy Spirit to transform the innocent Baby into the transcendent **King** of **kings** and **Lord** of **lords**.

IT IS CHRISTMAS!

THE EVANGEL

The Official Organ of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Send all manuscripts typed and double-spaced to:

T. Elwood Long ..... **Editor**
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to EVANGEL, P.O. Box 59 Falcon, NC 28342-0059

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

Linda Thomas ..... **Women's Ministries**
Bobby Forehand ..... **Christian Education**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Evangelism**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **World Missions**
Phillip Mooring ..... **Men's Ministries**

******

The **EVANGEL** (ISSN: 1080-921X) is published monthly by the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the corner of Fayetteville and West Streets, Falcon, NC 28342-0059

CONFERENCE BOARD

T. Elwood Long ..... **Superintendent**
D. Chris Thompson ..... **Asst. Superintendent**
Roland Harrell ..... **Secretary-Treasurer**
Bobby Williams ..... **Board Member**
Elton Bryan ..... **Board Member**
Danny Nelson ..... **Board Member**
David Wheeler ..... **Board Member**

******

Periodicals Postage is paid at Falcon, NC 28395-0059 and additional mailing offices.

CHURCH NEWS

TYNDALL GROVE

God is blessing at Tyndall Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

We had a homecoming September 21, 1997, with Rev. T. Elwood Long as our guest speaker. He ministered on being a harvester. It was a great message and a tremendous challenge to the church.

We had more than 100 in attendance.

The ladies prepared a wonderful dinner and after dinner the Batten family ministered in song. Everyone was blessed by their singing and their testimonies.

The Lord is blessing Tyndall Grove Church. In the last two years we have had 20 people saved and more than half of them have joined the church.

God is blessing in every department of the church.

To God be the glory.

Pastor, T. P. Davis

Tyndall Grove Congregation

MY HUSBAND

February 19, 1902 **Rev. W. K. White** October 7, 1996

God saw him getting tired
and a cure was not to be;
So he put his arms around him,
and whispered, "Come go with me."
With tear-filled eyes, I saw him suffer,
and saw him fade away.
Although I loved him dearly,
I could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating;
he put his hard-working hands to rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me,
He only takes the best.
He was one of the best.

Mrs. W. K. White

PIKES CROSSROADS NEWS

Anniversary Celebration

On Wednesday night, October 15, the Christian Education Department of Pikes Crossroads Church honored Reverend and Mrs. Tim Creel on their seventh wedding anniversary. The event was hosted by Wayne Taylor and Melva Thompson. The cake was made by Mrs. Judy Taylor. Approximately 65 attended the event which was held in the church fellowship hall after service.

Pastor's Appreciation Day Celebration

On Sunday, October 19, the Pikes Crossroads Church was pleased to honor Pastor Creel with an appreciation celebration in the church fellowship hall. The event was hosted by the Women's Ministries and was attended by approximately 70 people. The pastor was honored with a love gift from the church and Women's Ministries.

Van Ministry

Pikes Crossroads Church and Pastor Tim Creel would like to announce the beginning of a van ministry. The church purchased a 1997 Dodge van in June. This is a 15-passenger van and is now being used for Sunday school. Jerry Hawley is the captain of this program and is being assisted by Wayne Taylor, Christian Education Director. Many different groups will be able to enjoy this program.

The church praises the Lord for this new ministry.

Submitted by Melva Thompson

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Norman Butts . . . . . .December 13

Rev. Raymond Potter . . . . . .December 18

N.C. Conference
January 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 School of Evangelism	6	7	8	9 CE Convention	10
11	12 Day With Superintendent	13	14	15 Fire & Ice	16 ATAM Prayer Seminar	17
18 Fire & Ice	19 Office Closed	20 National Staff Meeting	21	22 Conference Board Mtg. Royal Rangers National Council	23 Marriage Workshop Glad Tidings Morehead City	24
25 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	26 Day With Superintendent	27 Evangelism & Church Planters' Banquet	28	29 Evangelism & Church Planters' Banquet	30	31 Key Man Seminar W.M. Leadership Seminar

December 97

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 98

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

N.C. Conference
February 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Irene Todd Lectures	3 Evangelism Board Meeting	4	5 Missions' Meal a.m. Wilmington P.M. Lumberton	6 Missions Meal a.m. Williamston P.M. Fayetteville	7
8	9 Missions Meal a.m. Raleigh p.m. Rocky Mount	10 Missions Meal a.m. Greenville p.m. Goldsboro	11 Missions Meal a.m. Morehead p.m. Hispanic	12 Missions Meal a.m. Wilson p.m. New Bern CE Board Meeting	13 Missions Meal a.m. Clinton	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Christian Workers' Institute	17 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Meeting	18	19	20 Clinton District Gospel Tabernacle District Talent	21 Goldsboro/ Wilson District Shiloh Key Man Seminar
22	23 Williamston District Robersonville District Talent Day With Superintendent	24 Lumberton District Mount Olive	25	26 Conference Board Meeting	27 Raleigh District The Capital District Talent	28 Fayetteville District Mount Carmel

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!"

N.C. Conference
March 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Faith Commitment Sunday	2 Day With Superintendent	3	4	5 Missions Committee & Directors' Training	6 Rocky Mount District Harvest Temple W.M. Retreat – Raleigh District Talent	7 Greenville, Morehead, New Bern District Greenville First
8 W.M. Founder's Day	9 Day With Superintendent	10	1	12	13	14 Key Man Seminar
15	16 Day With Superintendent	17	18	19	20 Spring Begins 	21 Stewardship Seminary Training Center Falcon
22	23 Day With Superintendent	24	25	26 Conference Board Meeting	27	28 Local Church Historian Training
29	30 Raleigh/ Wilson District Conference	31 Morehead/ New Bern District Conference				

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

N.C. Conference
April 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 CE Board Meeting Goldsboro/ Greenville District Conference	3	4 Conference Junior Finals The First
5 Daylight Savings – set ahead 1 hour Palm Sunday	6 Clinton/ Fayetteville District Conference	7 Lumberton/ Wilmington District Conference	8 Hispanic Conference	9 Evangelism Board Meeting Rocky Mount/ Williamston District Conference	10 Good Friday	11 Passover
12 Easter	13 Office Closed	14	15	16	17	18 Conference Finals The First
19	20 Happy Hearts Meeting Day With Superintendent	21	22	23 Conference Board Meeting	24 B/SA LTC	25
26 B/SA LTC	27 Day With Superintendent	28	29	30		

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

N.C. Conference
May 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 W.M. Directors' Council
3	4 Day With Superintendent	5	6	7 Conference Committee Meetings	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Day With Superintendent	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Day With Superintendent	19	20	21 Conference Board Meeting	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day (Observed) Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 Home Missions Sunday Pentecost						

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

N.C. Conference
June 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Examining Committee	5	6 W.M. Convention
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Laymen's Sunday	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Summer Begins	22	23	24	25 Conference Board Meeting	26	27
28	29	30				

Senior Week of Camp

Junior Week of Camp

Primary Week of Camp

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

N.C. Conference
July 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day
			Primary Week of Camp			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 "GO" Sunday	13	14	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18
19 Alternate "GO" Sunday	20	21	22	23	24 Ministers' Wives Fellowship	25
Camp Meeting				Quadrennial Conference		
26 World Evangelism Emphasis	27	28	29	30	31	
Camp Meeting						
National Camporama						

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

N.C. Conference
August 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19	20 CE Board Meeting	21	22
				Piney Grove Camp Meeting		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Piney Grove Camp Meeting						
30 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	31 Clinton District Conference					

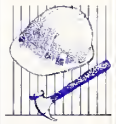
July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

N.C. Conference
September 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1 Fayetteville District Conference	2	3 Goldsboro District Conference	4	5
6	7  Labor Day Office Closed	8 Greenville District Conference	9	10 Lumberton District Conference	11	12 B/SA Field Day
13	14 Morehead City District Conference	15 New Bern District Conference	16	17 Evangelism Board Meeting Raleigh District Conference	18 NC Men's Advance S...	19
20	21 Rocky Mount District Conference	22 Autumn Begins Williamston District Conference	23 Hispanic Conference	24 Conference Board Meeting	25 LTC	26
27 LTC	28 Wilmington District Conference	29 Wilson District Conference	30	October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		

N.C. Conference
October 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1	2	3
4 Pastor Appreciation Sunday	5 Feast of Ingathering	6 King Memorial Lectures	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Missions F.E.S.T.
18 Lay Appreciation Sunday Lay Witness Week	19 Mini F.E.S.T. Happy Hearts Meeting	20 Mini F.E.S.T.	21	22 Conference Board Meeting	23	24
25 Daylight Savings ends Set Back 1 Hour	26	27	28	29 CE Board Meeting	30	31

N.C. Conference
November 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Election Day	4	5 Evangelism Board Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Conference Board Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 Harvest Train	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

Centennial Celebration (23–25)

Office Closed (26–28)

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

N.C. Conference
December 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Missions Committee Meeting	4	5
6 Evangelists' Sunday	7	8 Conference Christmas Party	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Conference Board Meeting	18	19
20	21 Winter Begins Office Party	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

Office Closed (22–25)

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

January 99

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, President

"JOY THROUGH MINISTRY"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Well, we've breezed right through another spring, summer, and fall. Winter is upon us, and with it comes that very special holiday we all love – Christmas. The Christmas season officially starts at our house when we put up the Christmas tree. I guess we all experience the frustration of taking the lights out of storage, plugging them in, and half of them not burning. How many of us have just given up and headed to the nearest Wal-Mart or Target to buy new ones?

Every year when we start to trim the tree, I reminisce. I think back to the years of my childhood, of the excitement when Daddy brought in the tree. You see, we didn't shop for a Christmas tree at the local market. Daddy went into the woods behind our house and found a pine tree that somewhat resembled what a Christmas tree should be. He trimmed it up enough to make it suitable for the spot in front of the living room window.

I recall how Mama wanted the living room spotlessly clean before the tree was set in place. So there was a lot of excitement as we dusted and polished furniture while she swept, scrubbed and waxed that linoleum rug floor. It was a special time when the tree was finally in place and Mama took out the box of ornaments. We had a few fancy glass ball-shaped ones in bright and glittery colors, but many of them were hand-made school Christmas projects. I remember the silver roping and the boxes of tinsel icicles we loaded on the tree.

That Christmas tree was always the gathering place for our family Christmases. Our house was the place where Daddy's family and Mama's family all seemed to migrate come Christmas Day. It was so special to have aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends all gather to celebrate. The house was filled with good food and laughter. We shared the latest family news and gathered around the piano to sing Christmas carols. As different ones came in, Mama would go to that Christmas tree to fetch their gifts. The gifts were simple, but were given with a heart of love.

As we children grew older and married, we had our own Christmas trees. Much like our family had done in years past, we made tree-trimming a big event. Our trees were mountain-grown and decorated with much nicer and more costly ornaments. They sparkled with flickering lights and fancy trimmings. But come Christmas Day, we all wanted to be around the Christmas tree at Mama and Daddy's house. We still looked forward to gathering there with family and friends. The excitement was high as the grandchildren waited for their names to be called as their gifts were taken from under the tree. In spite of the fact that the table was overloaded with all the traditional Christmas turkey, ham, and trimmings, Mama always cooked a big platter of fried chicken for her grandchildren. The day was so special!

Years passed. Mama's and Daddy's health failed. Then, early in the morning on Christmas Day of 1980, my daddy died. What a contrast that day was to the earlier years when we had gathered in such joyful excitement. As our family gathered at my house, many friends and relatives came to visit and bring their greetings. The house was was all decorated. The tree was beautifully trimmed, and the gifts were under it. In my grief, I did not turn on the lights on the Christmas tree. We debated whether to have our traditional gift-giving session around the tree that night or wait until later. As we discussed the issue, we began to remember how much Daddy had enjoyed Christmas. We remembered his special contribution to the Christmas goodies. It was the same every year – a huge box of candies and fruit. He loved seeing the children open their presents. As we talked about him, we decided he would certainly not want us to delay their fun. So, we plugged in the Christmas lights and did our best, in the midst of tears and remembrances, to make this Christmas special too.

For the next few Christmases, when it was time to put up the tree, my heart was heavy with recalling the loss of my Daddy. Then, in May of 1984, Mama also went to be with the Lord. As the season approached that year, we all knew it would never be the same. However, by the next year, one of my older brothers had moved into the homeplace – and there was no question as to where we wanted to have our family Christmas celebration.

Every year since then, Curtis and Myrt have opened their hearts and their home to the Morris family. Christmas comes alive for us around the Christmas tree which is still placed in front of the window in that same living room. The gifts are piled much higher now, as the family has grown to include great-grandchildren and many more in-laws. The house is alive with laughter and music. The old upright piano is gone and has been replaced by a spinet, but now the grandchildren and great-grandchildren join in to sing and play their various musical instruments. Turkey is still on the menu, as well as the fried chicken. Those surviving aunts and uncles, along with cousins, still show up for the fun.

Christmas, for us, is filled with memories; but it is also alive with hope for the future. You see, the Christmas tree gathering that was started more than 60 years ago is still alive. I know that over time the location and circumstances will change; but I suspect a family Christmas tree gathering will always be important to those children who have experienced the one at the Lathon and Maggie Morris homeplace.

As you trim your tree this year, consider what you can do to begin a Christmas tradition that will strengthen your family.

A GREAT COUPLES RETREAT...

On November 7, 8, and 9, 45 couples from the North Carolina Conference met at the Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, Virginia, for a weekend of training and fellowship. Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Hannah presented two wonderful sessions of marriage enrichment workshops. In the workshops, the couples were challenged to evaluate their relationships and look for ways to improve. Rev. Hannah's special musical ministry was an added blessing. On Sunday morning, Rev. Gerald Payne delivered a powerful message on the *Covenant of Marriage*. Following the message, couples were challenged to repentance (partaking of communion together) and refreshing (a marriage renewal ceremony).

Special thanks to Terry and Cathy Ward and Kevin and Cathy Arthur who serve as the NCWM Couples Retreat Committee. They do an outstanding job each year in providing this special program. The couples who attended are already asking about plans for next year.

Left, Kevin and Cathy Arthur; center, Jerry and Colleen Hannah; right, Terry and Cathy Ward.

WORLD MISSIONS CELEBRATED...

During an August weekend, the Women's Ministries of Maranatha PH Church in Beaufort, held a World's Missions Fair. The festivities began with a ribbon cutting by Pastor Marty Warren; Rev. Rose Boyd, guest speaker; and local WM officers – Director Patsy Deese, Secretary-Treasurer Trina Futo, and board members Ann LaChance and Jane Warren.

Left to right: Pastor Marty Warren, Rev. Rose Boyd, Patsy Deese, Trina Futo, Ann LaChance, Jane Warren.

Each WM board member was assigned a country to feature. Information was obtained from the General World Missions Department in Oklahoma City, as well as from encyclopedias and other sources regarding customs and cultures. WM member Jackie Wilson made a beautiful banner.

The purpose of the fair was to help church families understand more about world missions. With new families in the church, this was an ideal method of introducing them to Pentecostal Holiness missionaries and ways we support them. Sunday school classrooms were decorated representative of a certain country. The hostesses in each room were dressed appropriately for the country which they represented.

On Saturday evening, Rev. Rose Boyd led the congregation in African choruses and explained her work on the mission field. On Sunday, she shared her testimony in song and spoke from 1 Samuel:13 on the subject, "Having a Heart for God." God has given Rose a ministry of training native laymen/women in Christian Education. The local WM board did a "rap" entitled, "Speak the Word." The church family enjoyed "touring" the different countries – Asia, Africa, South America, Europe, and North America.

The Great Commission compels us to "Go ye therefore..." It takes special people to leave their homes, friends, and families to go to a foreign country. Thank God, we have people who are willing to make the sacrifice. There is no distance in prayer, and our missionaries need our prayerful support. Remember them each day.

If you need information on missionaries, contact IPHC World Missions by calling toll-free 888-474-2966

Patsy Deese

(Your CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERINGS are now being received by our missionaries around the world. Thank you for helping to brighten their holidays.)

1997 FEAST OF INGATHERING...

Congratulations are in order for the North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries and church families. The 1997 Feast of Ingathering offering was the best ever – totaling $77,066.21. NCWM Director Linda Thomas was pleased to present these gifts to Emmanuel College and Holmes College of the Bible on behalf of all the people in the North Carolina Conference who contributed. NCWM board member Phyllis Harrell presented gifts to the students at each school who are from this conference.

Linda Thomas (center) and Phyllis Harrell (right) join with Bishop and Mrs. James Leggett and General WM Executive Director Mary Belle Johnson for a photo at Emmanuel Feast of Ingathering.

Emmanuel students gather to receive gifts from NCWM.

Phyllis and Linda join Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Griffin in celebrating FEAST at Holmes.

REMINDER...

Local WM Council members are reminded to register for the 1998 Leadership Seminar on Saturday, January 31. The seminar will feature Mrs. Kym Long-Wallace presenting a workshop on stress management and will be held at The First Church in Goldsboro. Each local WM Director has received detailed information on this event. Every WM should be represented.

HAPPY HEARTS

Seventh Meeting October 20, 1997

This was an exciting day for 118 Happy Hearts at the Holt's Lake Restaurant in Smithfield, NC. From 23 churches, these ladies brought in 418 Christmas Stockings they had made and filled for the Red Hook New Life Center of Brooklyn, NY.

As the stockings were being received and packed in boxes for shipping, the ladies enjoyed visiting, making new friends, and renewing old friendships.

Once everyone was seated, Daisy Morris gave an official welcome and prayer and blessing. Our food order taken and then served, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

Katherine Lucas drew for an "early bird" door prize and throughout the meeting she awarded door prizes, honoring the oldest in attendance (Sallie Morris from Holly Hill), the farthest distance traveled, the woman who has been married the longest whose husband is still living, the one whose birthday is nearest the date of the meeting. This is just a few of the door prizes awarded, and many numbers at random were drawn. This is always a highlight of the meetings.

A time of devotion and praise and worship was led by Myrtle Jayroe, daughter Sherry, and friend Barbara. Sister Jayroe inspired us by telling us "Who We Are." She reminded us that we are the King's daughters, and we are beautiful.

Linda Thomas, North Carolina Women's Ministries Director, gave greetings and presented a plan to expand our outreach for reaching more of the senior ladies, the Happy Hearts, of our conference.

Again, these ladies of enthusiasm, joy, and excitement departed Holt's Restaurant with laughter, love, and blessings.

Blanche S. Pollard

Mrs. Louine Lee helps pack Christmas stockings.

Mrs. Myrtle Jayroe delivers devotion for Happy Hearts.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

D. CHRIS THOMPSON, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

WORLD MISSIONS UPDATE

FALL F.E.S.T.'S

We had a great series of Fall F.E.S.T.'s. Some over 200 were in attendance. The program was excellent.

1997 "GO" OFFERING

Presently we have received in Falcon some $183,500.00 in 1997 "GO" Offering. Some $8,500.00 in pledges is still to be received.; We are trusting and praying that all the pledges will come and that **every church** will participate. All the monies should be in Falcon by the end of November or directly to Oklahoma City in order to count for 1997. Some 26 pastors have had at least a $500.00 increase and thereby qualified for a $75.00 gift certificate from LifeSprings.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CHRISTMAS FUND

Christmas is just around the corner. People to People Director Sherrill Orvin is encouraging all children sponsors to give at least $12.00 per child for Christmas. The funds should be sent as quickly as possible through regular channels and labeled as "Christmas Fund." Individual funds or gifts should not be sent directly to the children. The funds will be sent to the missionaries on the field, and they will host a Christmas party and give gifts to the children.

It is a good time to remember the missionaries at Christmas as well.

ON THE FIELD

The Scott O'Connor and David Sasser families have arrived on the field. Praise the Lord! The N.C. Conference has been very instrumental in getting them to the field.

"NEW" MISSIONARY HOUSES

Both the Jackie Wilson Memorial Home, Clinton, and the Mollie Culbreth Evans Missions Home, Falcon, have been refurbished. They look great, and both have been completely redone. The Lord has blessed. The missionaries have and will enjoy the homes.

1998 SCHEDULE

Jackie Wilson Home – 910-592-1327
January - February – Phillip and Gailya List
March - December – Darrell Clowers Family

Mollie Culbreth Evans Home – 910-980-1419
January - February – Darrell Clowers Family
March - July – Ed Rhodes Family
August - December – Betty Rogers

DAVID AND CHERI ARTHUR

David and Cheri are continuing with Wycliffe. They are working in a "new" cutting-edge ministry. They will be working in Charlotte *and* overseas in dubbing videos in minority languages. David could use some extra funds for travel.

NEW CANDIDATE – KIM NOBLES

Ms. Kim Nobles is beginning her itineration. She is a medical missionary from our conference. She will be going to Nicaragua. She is available to come to churches on Sunday. Kim is highly recommended. She has already been to the field with several teams from her home church, Northwood Temple. She may be reached at 310 Plantation Road, Fayetteville, NC 28301 or phone (910) 822-5466.

ROSE BYRD

Rose is getting close now on her support. She hopes to leave for Kenya in early March of next year. She has had a great year in ministry and itineration. She needs funds for C.E. Ministry kits and C.E. supplies.

TIMMY BOWEN

Tim has had a great year evangelizing and itinerating. The Lord has given him some excellent revivals. He hopes to leave from Mozambique sometime in 1998. He is in urgent need of more monthly support.

SEND THE LIGHT

Each year Men's Ministries – at the general, conference, and local church levels – sponsor a ministry outreach for men to raise funds in order to place gospel literature into those areas that are targeted for immediate need. For 1998 the two targeted areas for **Send The Light** are: (1) Overseas – To provide financial support for gospel literature to the new church planting in Eastern Europe, with priority on Romania. (2) In the United States – A Hispanic project to print the Men's Ministries Leadership Manual in Spanish.

The Fellowship can meet this challenge by having a fund-raising banquet, auction, car wash, or simply by seeking a pledge from each man. This is an opportunity to reach and train people who might never have had the opportunity to hear the gospel. The goal is for each Men's Ministries Fellowship to participate, and to raise $5.00 per man.

7-STARS

It is not too late for a church to earn another star for the year. The stars represent outstanding achievement and faithfulness. It would be great to double the number of 7-Star churches from 40+ to 80+.

MIKE AND CHRISTY VIA

Mike and Christy Via continue to train with Wycliffe. They leave December 31 for Albertville, France, for language school. They will be there 10 months. After the school, they will be returning to Togo-Benin.

ED AND JUDY SAUVAGEAU

Ed and Judy report a great need for funds to renovate the Eldoret Training Center where they minister. Funds are needed for the structure, plumbing, and electrical system. Funds may be sent to Eldoret Training Centre, Account #06019.

DAVID STRICKLAND

David is one of our college students at Emmanuel College. He is from the Stedman Church. He is going to Israel over the Christmas holidays with a ministry team from the school. He is in need of funds for the trip. Funds may be sent to Falcon in his name. David is a very talented young man and loves the Lord.

LINWOOD AND NANCY BERRY

Brother Berry has requested prayer for his church planting efforts. He is facing some tremendous opposition. He is intensely involved in spiritual warfare.

1998 WORLD MISSIONS MEALS

SPEAKER – REV. DONALD DUNCAN

February 5-13

(places will be announced later)

5	a.m. – Wilmington District	p.m. – Lumberton District
6	a.m. – Williamston District	p.m. – Fayetteville District
9	a.m. – Raleigh District	p.m. – Rocky Mount District
10	a.m. – Greenville District	p.m. – Goldsboro District
11	a.m. – Morehead City District	p.m. – Hispanic
12	a.m. – Wilson District	p.m. – New Bern District
13	a.m. – Clinton District	

• REMEMBER •

THE BOOKS ARE CLOSING ON 1997 WHERE DO YOU STAND WITH THE LORD?

Pastor Gary Webber is faithfully serving the Lord as pastor of the Ayden Church. Recently he has felt a leading of the Lord into a very specialized ministry. We are hearing more and more today about the need of certain specialized ministries. Please read the following article. May the Lord bless Pastor Webber and his family as they enter these new open doors for ministry.

D. Chris Thompson

A NEW MINISTRY
For Gary and Rhoda Webber

Rev. Gary and Rhoda Webber

February 29, 1969, is a day I will always remember. That day, my wife and I walked down the aisle of the Tabernacle Holiness Church (in Vanceboro, NC) and accepted Christ as our Savior. We did not just give our hearts to the Lord; we gave ourselves also. Ever since that day, we have sought God, worked for Him, and tried to stay in His will.

The next 10 years, we traveled and sang (known as the Gary Webber Singers) in many different churches and denominations. We recorded three albums during that time. We always kept close relations with our home church and served in every way we could.

In 1979, I felt the call to become a pastor. I remember questioning my calling because every minister I spoke with said he had felt the call to preach. My call was to pastor, and preaching was to be a part of that ministry. After positive encouragement to accept that calling by former Conference Superintendent J. Doner Lee, I began to study for my minister's license. I received my minister's license in June 1980, and was assigned the Ayden First P.H. Church two weeks later.

My wife and I have served there faithfully ever since. We will pastor the Ayden church as long as we feel God wants us there. However, after seeking God's will, we have decided to enter a new ministry. This new ministry will be a part of our work at the Ayden church, but God has directed us to step out by faith and with boldness to carry this ministry to all people.

This ministry has already begun and is known as Trinity Miracle Ministry. A weekly broadcast of Trinity Miracle Ministry can be heard each Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. on WGHB in Farmville, NC (1250 AM) and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on WLOJ in New Bern, NC (1490 AM).

Our children, Kevin and Tanya, are now grown and married and are serving the Lord. God has placed a vision in their hearts for this ministry also. Tanya, her husband Steve; Kevin, and his wife, Michelle will be working in this ministry with Rhoda and me. I have seen many miracles, or as Christ would say, the Works of God, but with great expectations I know this ministry has only begun.

God has already given us financial miracles to start these radio broadcasts through ministry partners. May God bless them for planting a seed in this ministry.

We will be accepting invitations wherever God opens doors for us beginning January 1, 1998. We will be available for singings, revivals, or one-night miracle services. I must admit, I feel one-night miracle services are God's divine will for my life. The services will consist of singing by the family, preaching, and receiving of miracles.

This step in my life requires more faith, boldness, and courage than anything I have ever attempted to do for God. However, it is also the most exciting and rewarding of any ministry I have ever been a part of.

God is a great God; Jesus is a wonderful, loving Savior; and the Holy Spirit is a great comforter and power in our lives. I intend to fully surrender my life to the Trinity.

If you would be interested in having the Trinity Miracle Ministry team come to your church, please contact us at:

Trinity Miracle Ministry
120 Stoney Branch Rd.
New Bern, NC 29562
(919) 633-6256

Rev. Gary Webber

Bobby Forehand
CEM
Director

Church Education Ministries Sunday School & Youth Ministries Report - September 1997

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Northwood Temple	1680	----	648	----	630	521
Kinston First	634	----	317	----	321	275
The Capital	350	----	204	----	170	243
The First	360	----	195	----	----	166
Tarboro First	214	----	194	----	185	184
Mt. Carmel	344	----	187	----	182	103
Mt. Olive LD	309	----	186	----	100	43
Stedman	280	----	164	----	251	129
Gospel Tabernacle	558	15	153	14	413	254
Clinton	275	----	146	----	219	137
Wilson First	160	----	134	----	75	70
St. Pauls	176	----	132	----	132	118
Shiloh	284	41	129	41	187	90
Chadbourn	220	----	129	----	174	92
Peniel	261	----	124	----	109	64
Harvest Temple	169	65	121	47	128	86
Grace Family Fellowship	206		120		188	148
Bizzell Grove	163	40	117	32	80	46
Harkers Island	133	----	117	----	67	54
Lumberton	322	14	114	10	140	88
Smyrna	----	----	110	----	----	63
Culbreth Memorial	203	25	107	16	169	79
Benson	167	48	102	20	140	91
Evangel	210	19	99	18	----	58
Belfast	132	----	96	----	105	42
Williamston	146	15	96	8	107	67
Graham Memorial	100	----	94	----	75	76
Bethany	155	5	92	22	109	52
Brentwood	135	----	91	----	150	146
Millennium	142	36	87	38	90	52
St. Paul	----	----	86	----	----	----
Living Faith Fellowship	120	----	76	----	86	65
Hollands Chapel	71	----	76	----	30	25
Wallace	227	----	76	----	67	46
Baywood	124	----	75	----	58	70
St. John	127	----	75	----	34	48
Roper	97	----	75	----	93	60
Roanoke Rapids	260	----	75	----	35	35
Emmanuel	97	----	74	----	70	69
Pikes Crossroads	187	----	73	----	140	50
Stantonsburg	102	----	71	----	----	----
Hobgood	100	----	67	----	----	----
Boardman	210	----	67	----	201	31
Sharon	99	1	62	1	43	27
Westview	109	----	60	----	103	50
Mt. Olive GD	80	----	60	----	----	----
Moores Chapel	108	----	58	----	83	39
Thomas Chapel	126	----	58	----	66	30
Brocks Chapel	168	19	57	12	91	53
Kenly	102	----	56	----	----	----
New Bern First	126	----	56	----	97	32
Midway	110	----	56	----	84	51
Elizabethtown	100	----	54	----	55	34
Sanford First	94	----	55	----	49	40
Wilmington	142	----	54	----	172	28
Reelsboro	95	53	53	45	65	48
Taylors Chapel	132	----	52	----	----	----
Tyndall Grove	75	----	52	----	15	9
Thompson Chapel	104	----	51	----	59	19
Maranatha	71	----	51	----	50	65
Nakina	79	----	50	----	----	14
Rehoboth	139	----	50	----	60	----
Hamilton	84	----	50	----	----	----
Snow Hill	67		47	----	----	----
Bridgeton	84	----	47	----	----	----
Goshen	79	----	46	----	36	30
Bethel	86	----	46	----	----	----

Church	SS Enrollment	Ext.	SS Avg. Att.	Ext.	YM Enrollment	Avg. Att.
Manleys Grove	132	----	46	----	----	----
Ebenezer	59	----	46	----	45	36
Calvary LD	53	----	45	----	----	----
Warsaw	77	----	45	----	39	10
Trinity CD	68	----	44	----	----	----
Jacksonville	76	----	44	----	30	26
Selma	58	----	44	----	----	----
Thunder Swamp	89	----	43	----	14	14
Friendship WD	93	----	43	----	58	48
Black Creek	42	----	43	----	----	----
Holly Hill	98	----	43	----	72	27
Winterville	66	----	43	----	44	----
Hodges Chapel	84	----	42	----	----	----
Tabernacle	58	----	42	----	33	28
Scotland Neck	53	----	41	----	28	25
Higher Ground	104	----	41	----	59	47
Eastside	202	----	40	----	----	----
Shelmerdine	51	----	38	----	42	45
Faith WD	65	135	37	115	----	----
Niagara	154	----	37	----	33	18
Sneads Ferry	----	----	37	----	----	19
Liberty	44	----	34	----	----	----
Weldon	66	----	34	----	----	----
Lowland	32	----	34	----	----	----
Trinity RMD	65	----	33	----	60	18
Jones Grove	45	----	33	----	----	----
Sonlight	30	----	32	----	22	20
Calvary Temple	36	----	31	----	----	----
St. Matthew	73	----	31	----	----	----
Grace Community	50	----	30	----	30	21
Living Waters	73	----	30	----	89	29
Vanceboro	36	----	29	----	----	----
Lyon Memorial	85	----	29	----	----	----
Albritton	73	23	29	25	42	23
Vaughans Chapel	48	----	28	----	----	----
New Vision	57	----	27	----	----	----
New Covenant	45	16	27	16	28	20
Oak Ridge	64	----	26	----	28	22
Cedar Point	45	----	25	----	19	14
Red Springs	70	----	24	----	----	----
Bailey	34	----	24	----	19	19
Heritage	56	----	24	----	46	29
Sims	49	----	24	----	19	19
Independence	39	----	23	----	----	----
Lamm's Grove	50	----	23	----	----	----
Hopewell	----	----	22	----	----	22
Abbottsburg	56	----	22	----	----	----
Alliance	43	----	20	----	42	----
Clayton	38	6	20	6	----	----
Wades Point	56	----	20	----	----	----
Vicks Chapel	26	----	19	----	----	----
Grifton	77	----	18	----	34	18
New Hope	27	----	17	----	----	----
Friendship NBD	27	----	17	----	20	18
Alert	55	----	12	----	----	----
Crystal Coast	36	----	11	----	----	----
Goose Creek	31	----	10	----	19	----
Wakelon	13	----	10	----	----	----
Lighthouse	8	----	6	----	----	----
Windsor	13	9	6	12	----	----
Total:	16,122	585	8,652	498	7,652	5,340
Average:	131	31	68	26	96	50
Count:	123	----	127	----	80	106

1998 NATIONAL COUNCIL

JANUARY 22-24, 1998

Registration Fee (Received by December 31, 1997)

Leader	$35.00
Spouse	$10.00
Total	$40.00

Registration (Received after December 31, 1997)

Leader	$50.00
Spouse	$10.00
Total	$60.00

Send all Registration Fees to: Royal Rangers IPHC
P.O. Box 208
Franklin Springs, GA 30639

Motel & Meals ***$102.90 per person (2 per room)***
(Includes lodging for Thursday and Friday evening. Six meals beginning Thursday evening through Saturday lunch, and the Silver Eagle Banquet.)

Rev. T. Elwood Long, Jr., Conference Superintendent for the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church will be our speaker at the Silver Eagle Banquet.

Special Regional break-away sessions will be scheduled.

For motel and meals accommodations, call The Ridgecrest Conference Center at 1-800-588-7222 before December 21, 1997.

Additional nights (room and meals) $38.00 per person per night.

Evangel (USPS 179-920)
P.O. Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342-0059

Periodicals postage paid
at Falcon, NC 28342
additional
ling offices

108331
North Carolina Collection
Unc Library, Wilson 024
Chapel Hill, NC 27599